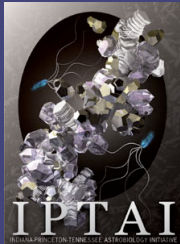


# Integrated Omics in Systems Biology: The New Frontier for Environmental Biotechnology



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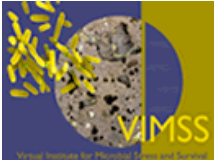
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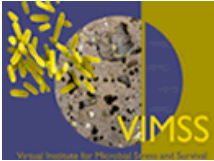
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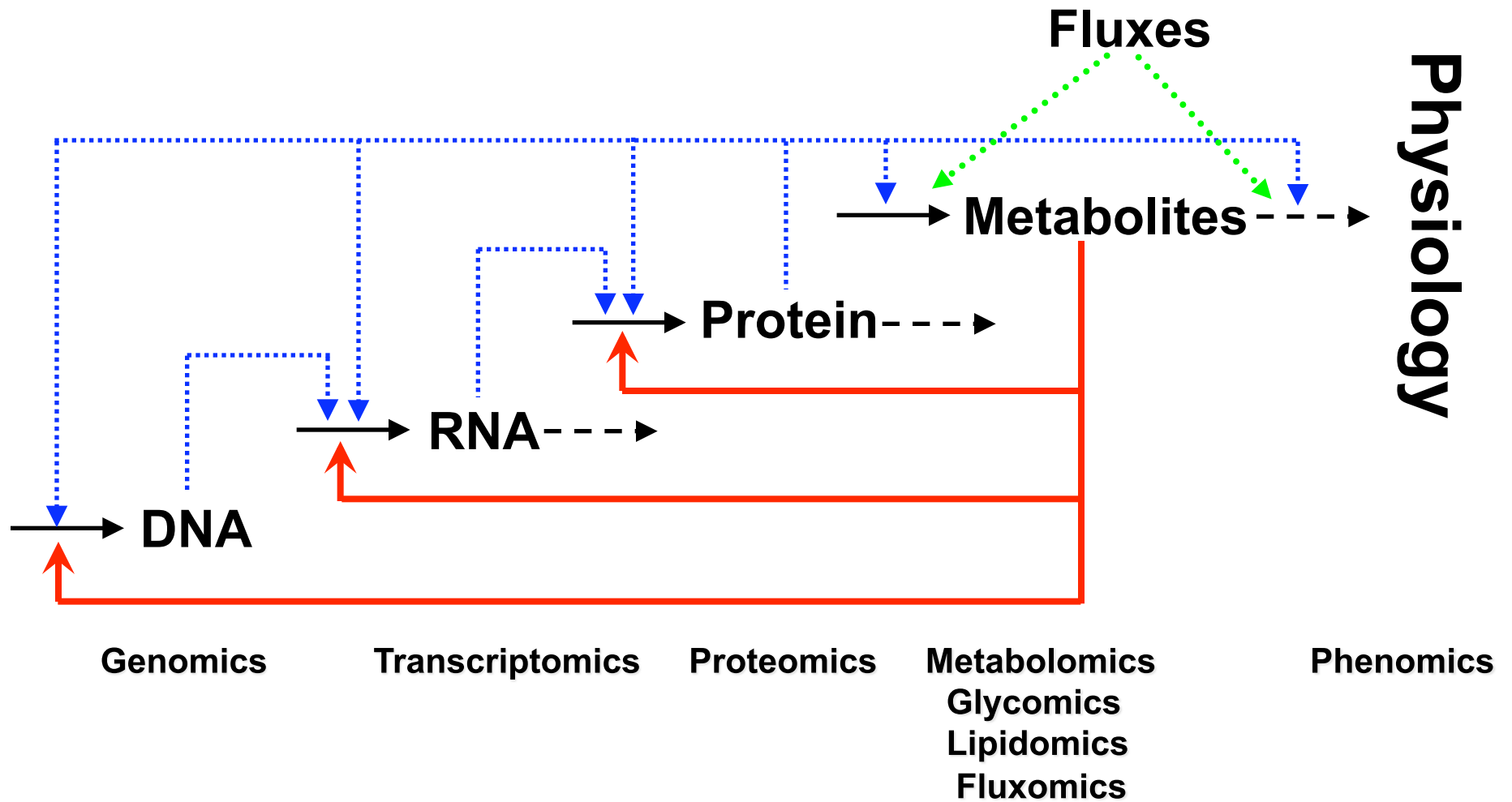
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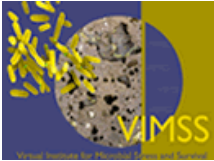
- There are 3 million parts in a 777 provided by more than 900 suppliers from 17 countries around the world.
- Completed genomes provide “parts lists” for many microbes, the sequence is little more than the blueprint for each part (protein) in the organism.
- Having a blueprint for the parts of a 777 jet gives few clues as to how each part is made, how it assembles into devices and systems, much less how it flies which is its essence.
- genes, proteins, metabolites, and multimolecular assemblies (“molecular machines”) interact in an intricate labyrinth of pathways and networks to create, sustain, and reproduce the system we call the living cell—complexity well beyond the engineering and essence of a 777.
- Systems biology will transform biology from an empirical and descriptive science to a more quantitative and predictive science
- Enabling us to manipulate and use living systems and their components.





# The Omics!!





# Systems Biology Approach

## Ecosystem

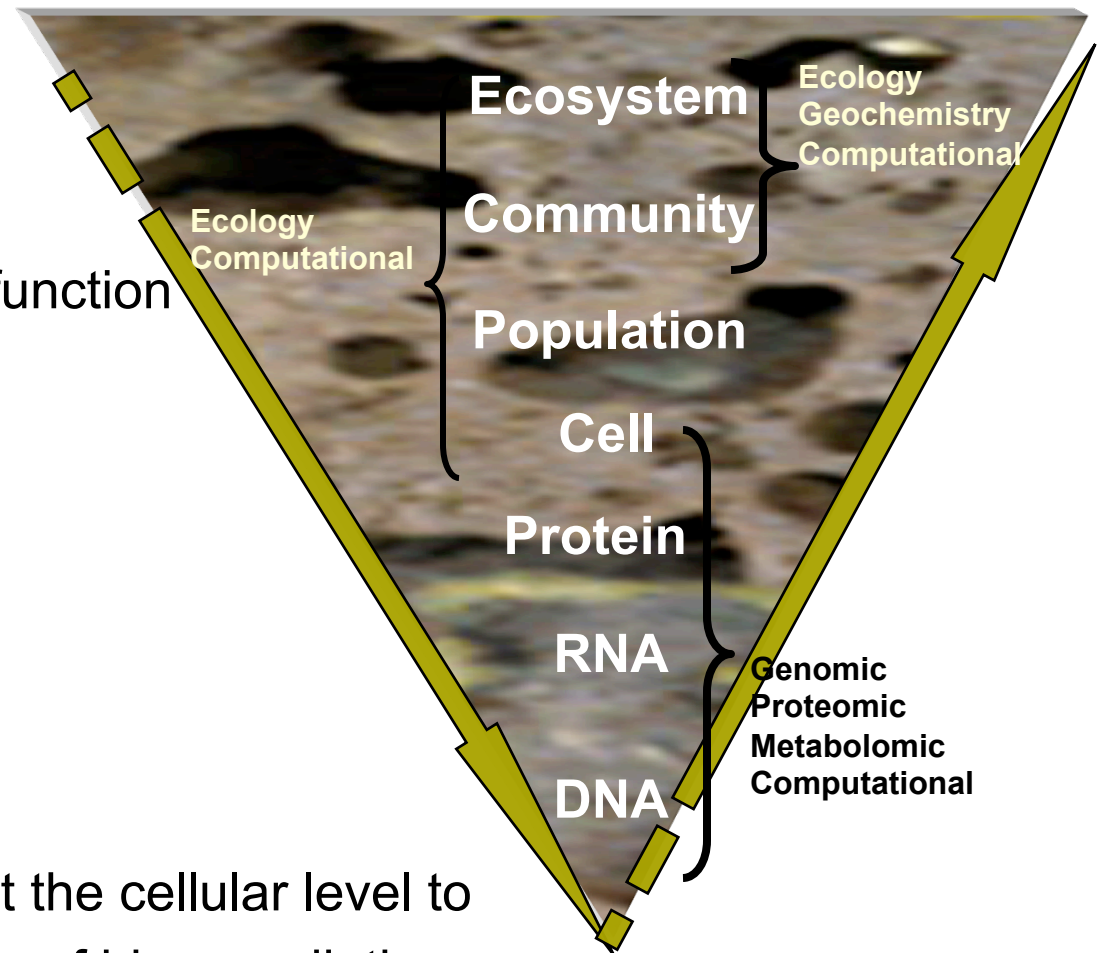
Identify key factors (i.e., stresses) that drive community structure and composition and impact the survival and efficacy of heavy metal-reducers

## Community and Population

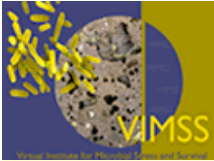
Understand impacts on structure/function relationships

## Cell

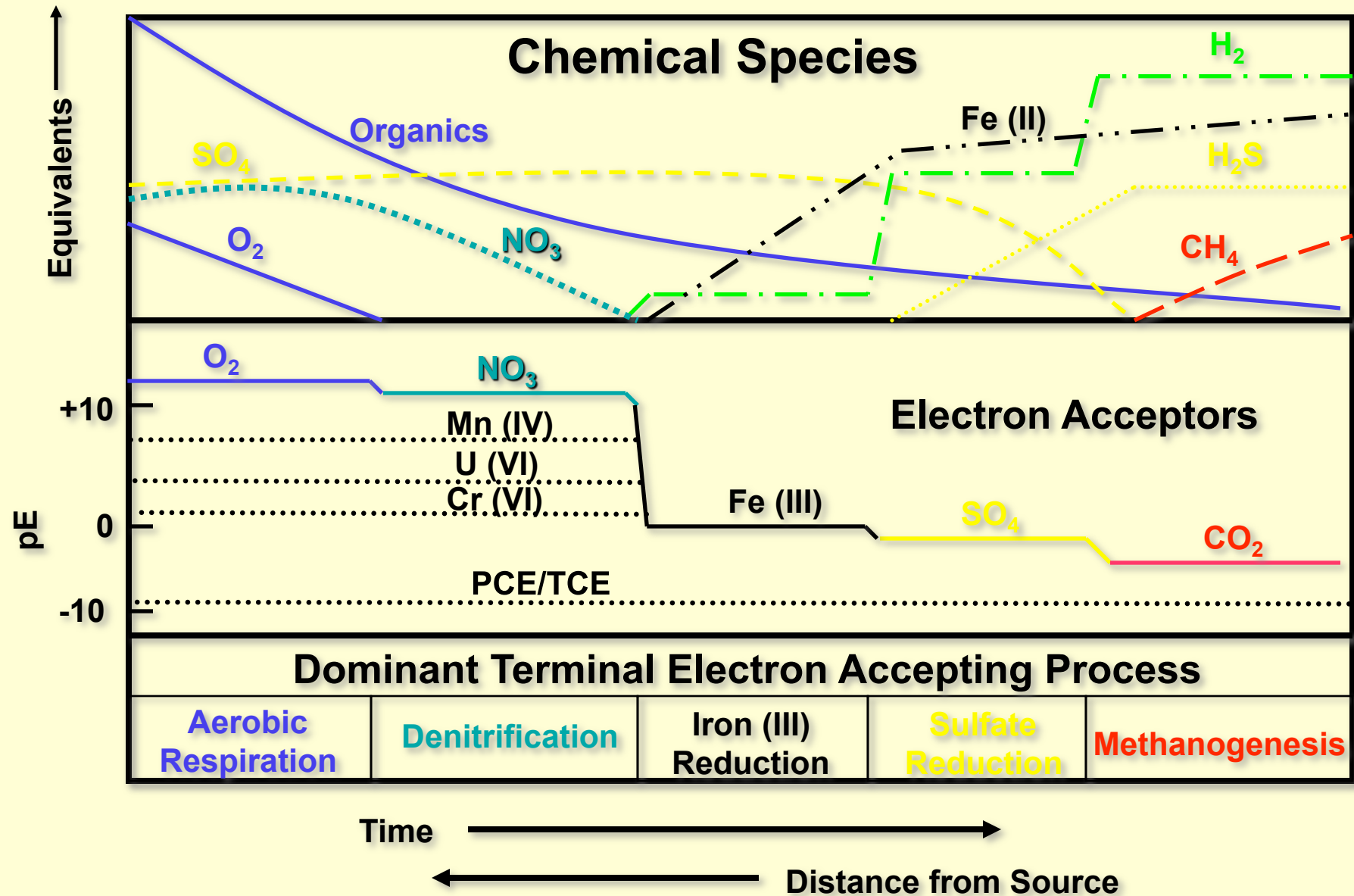
Analyze DNA, RNA, and protein at the cellular level to understand cellular effects in terms of bioremediation

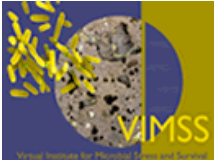






# Critical Biogeochemistry





# Ecogenomics & Transcriptomics

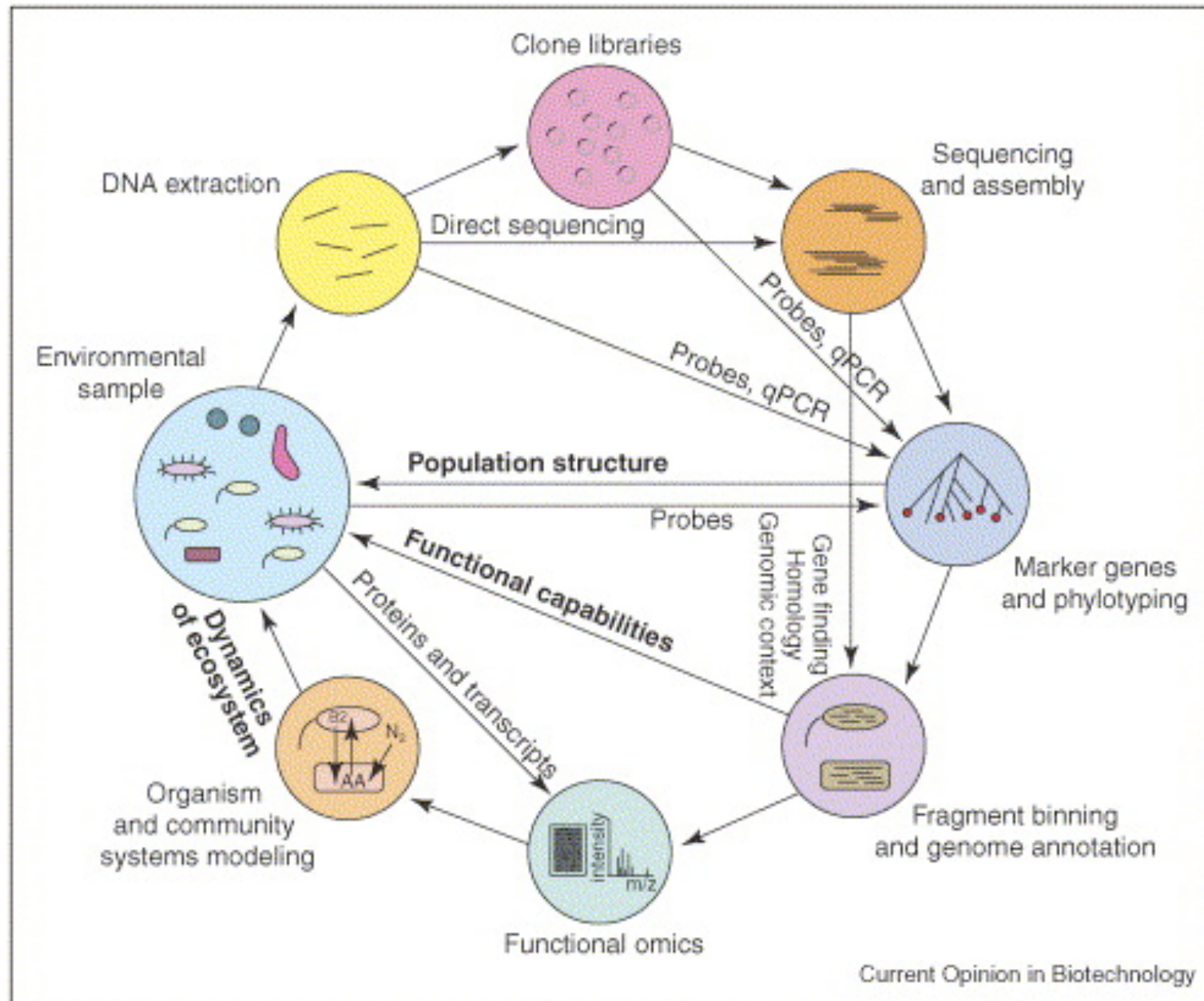
Ecogenomics - studies of genomes in an environmental context

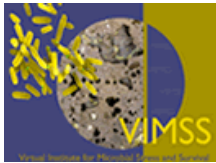
- 16s rDNA microarrays for community analyses
- T-RFLP - terminal restriction fragment length polymorphisms
- Metagenome sequencing
- Annotation of sequences for environmental context
- Microbial Source Tracking for Pathogens

Transcriptomics - gene expression

- mRNA expression arrays of one organism or functional group
- Real-time PCR analyses

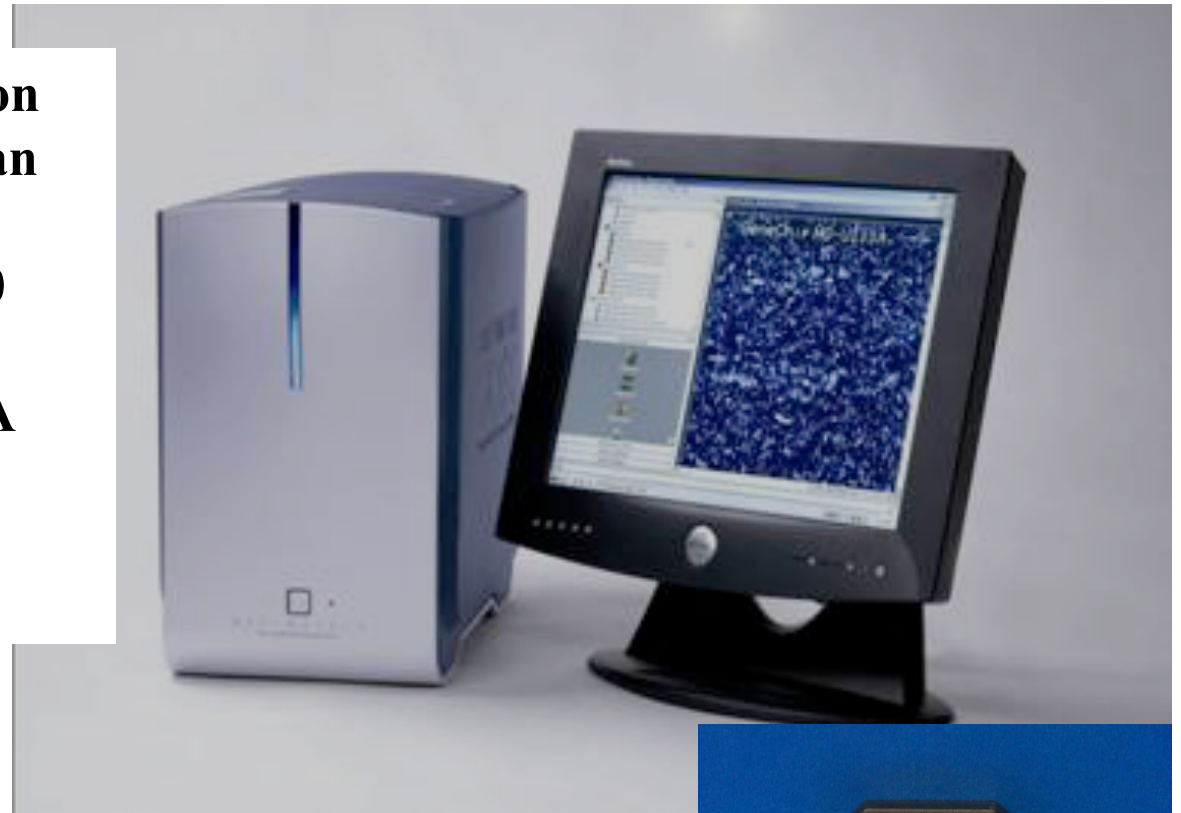
# Ecogenomics





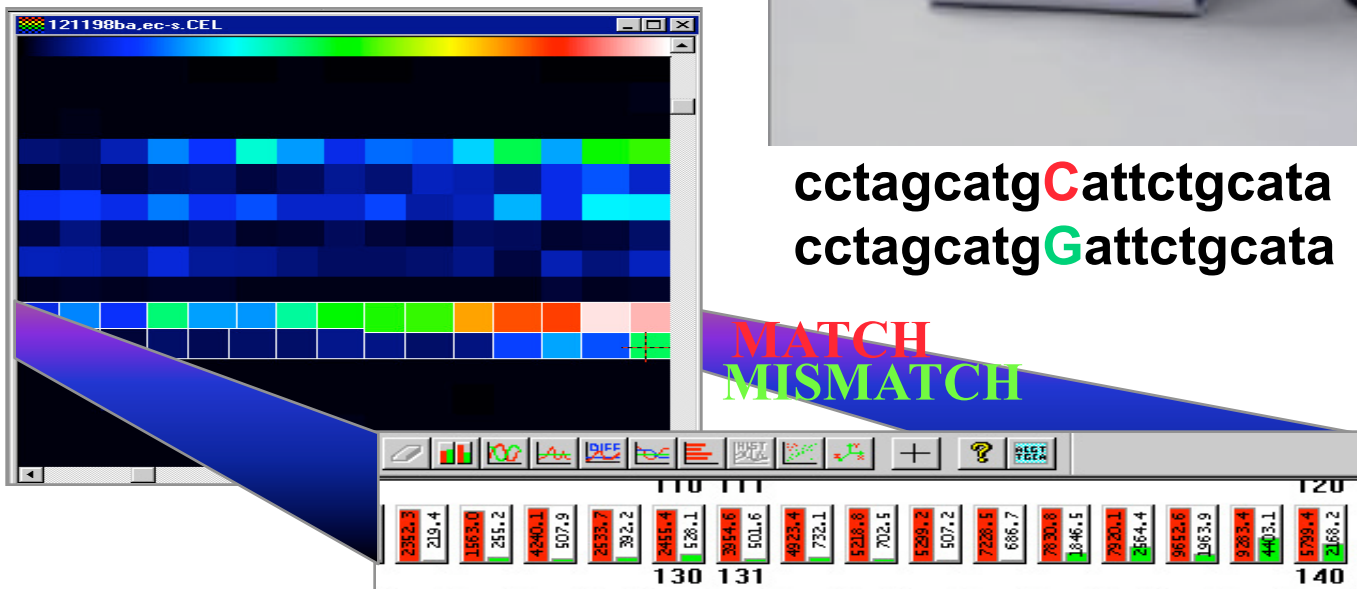
# DOE 16s rDNA microarray

- Rapidly detect the composition and diversity of microbes in an environmental sample
- Massive parallelism - 550,000 probes in a 1.28 cm<sup>2</sup> array
- all 9,900 species in 16S rDNA database
- Single nucleotide mismatch resolution

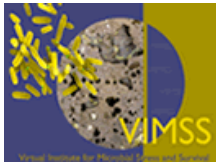


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cctagcatgGattctgcata

MATCH  
MISMATCH

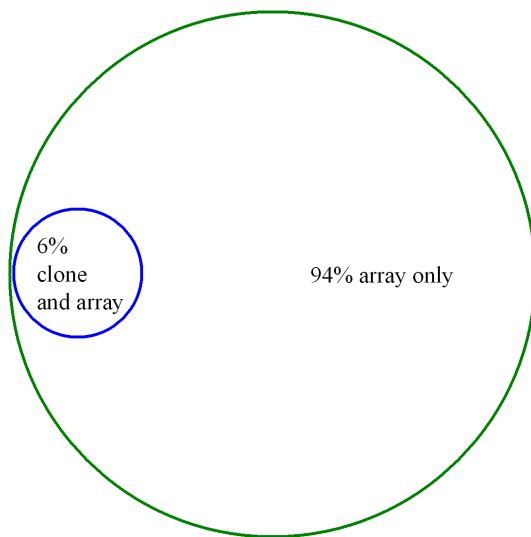






# Accuracy V Clone libraries

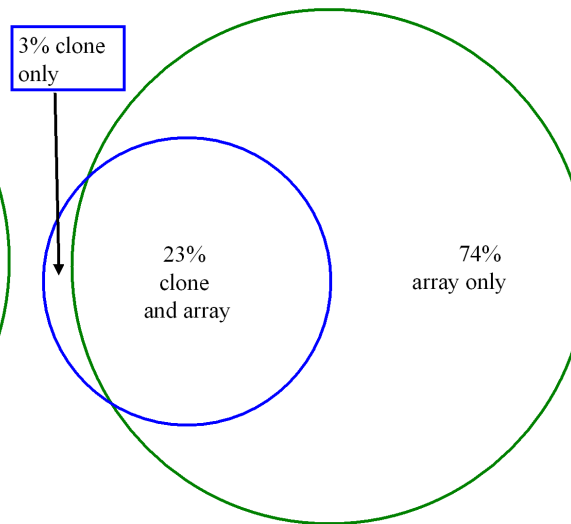
**Cr(VI) groundwater**



100% array  
6% by clone

**384 clones**

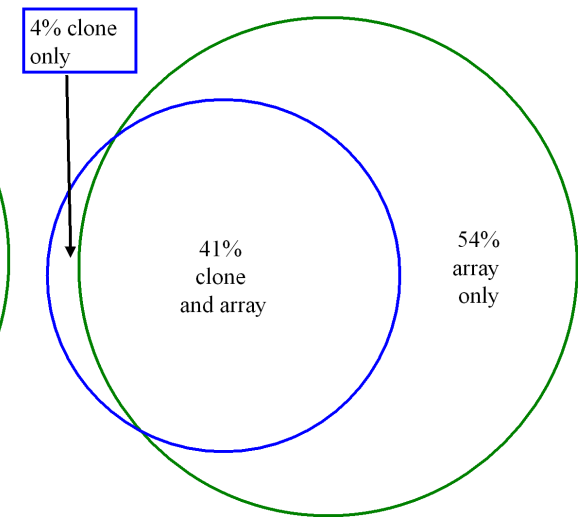
**U(VI) subsurface soil**



97% array  
26% by clone

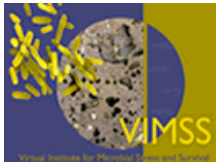
**768 clones**

**Urban aerosol**

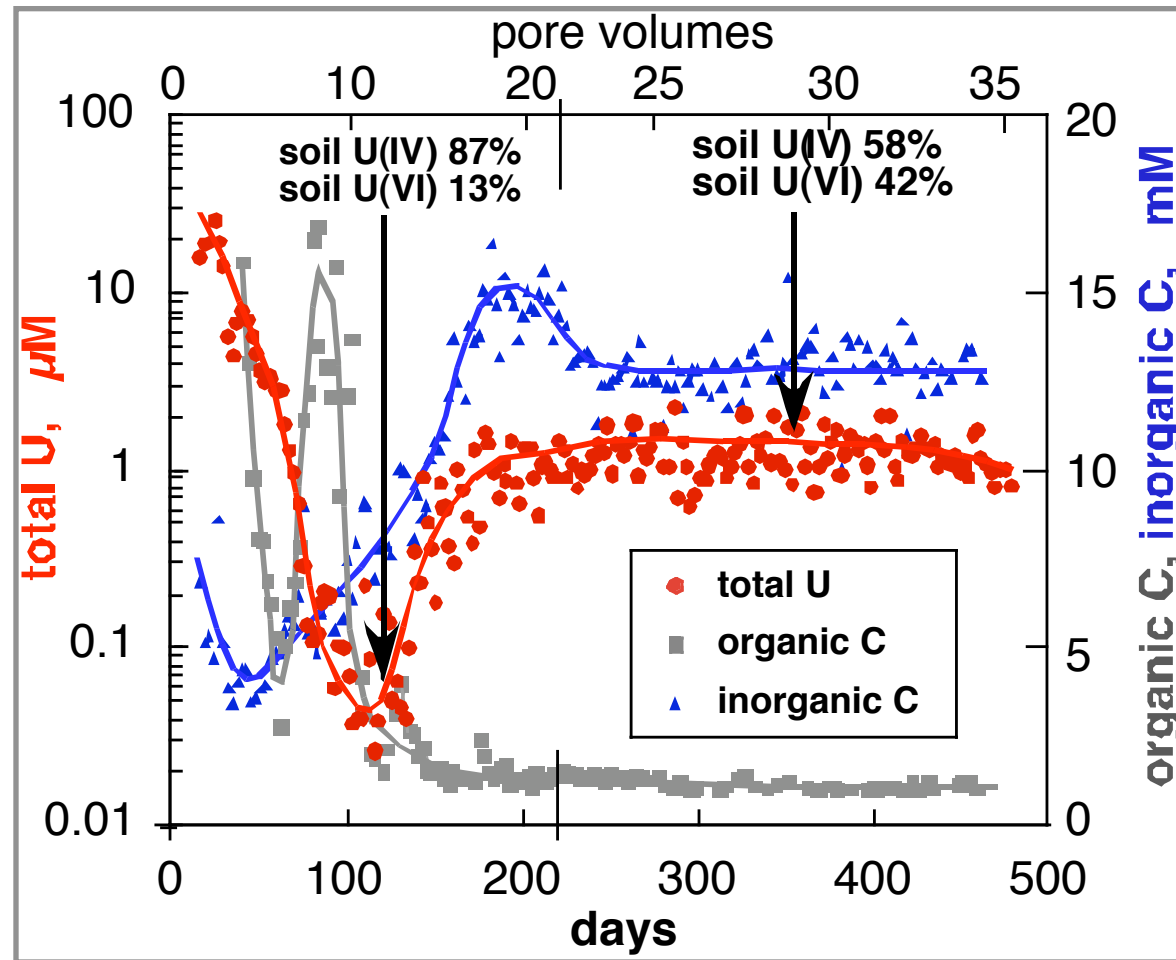


95% array  
45% by clone

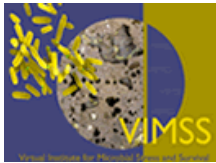
**768 clones**



# Uranium Anaerobic Reoxidation

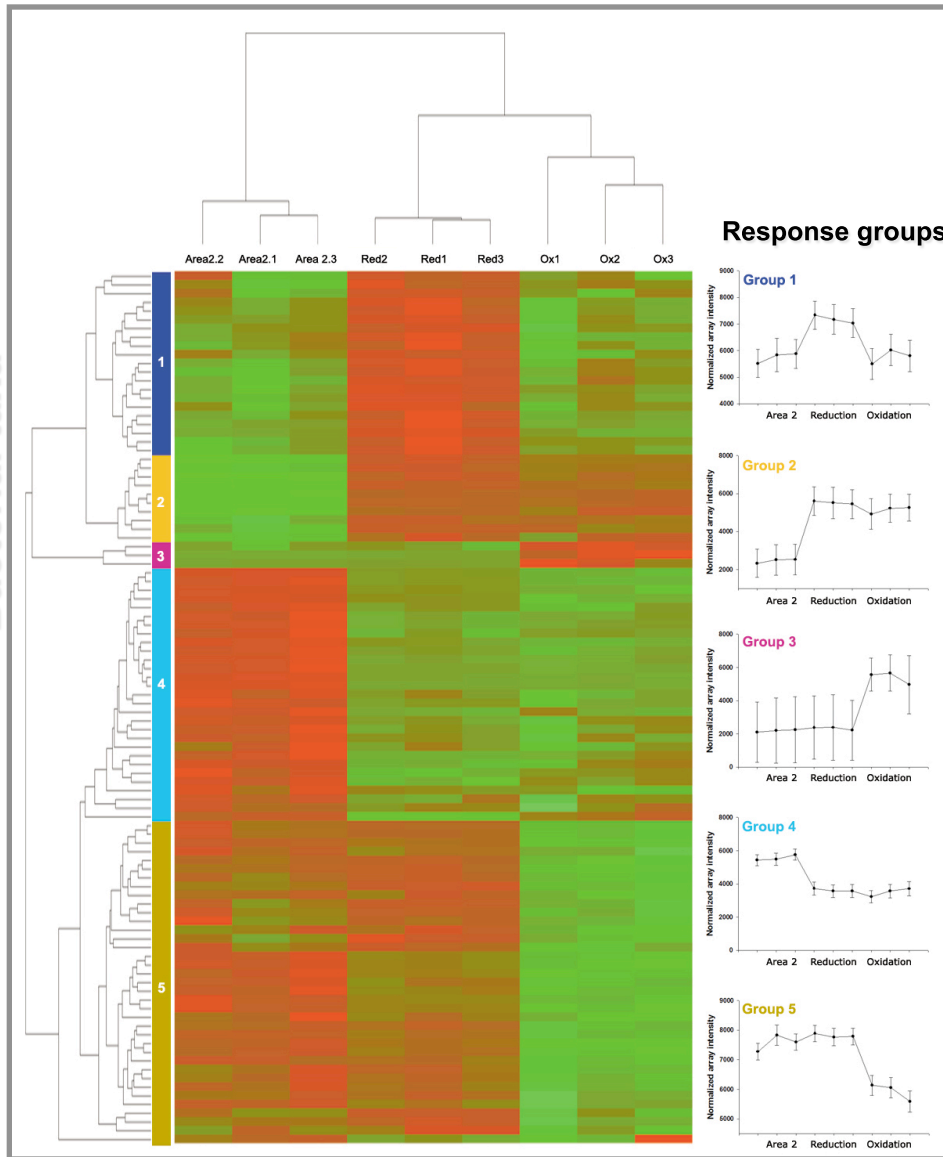


Microbial metabolism -  $\text{CO}_2$  produced increasing dissolved IC



# Bi-directional clustering of array data

Bacterial taxa



Column sediment samples

Major components of response groups

- *Arthrobacter* sp.
- Alpha-proteobacteria
- *Azoarcus* sp.

- *Geothrix*
- *Geobacter*
- *Anaeromyxobacter*

- *Acidobacteria*
- *Desulfovibrio*

- *Actinobacteria*
- *Firmicutes*
- *Alpha-proteobacteria*

- *Actinobacteria*
- *Alpha-proteobacteria*

Uranium  
reducers

Syntrophy?

Brodie, E. L., T. Z. DeSantis, D. C. Joyner, S. M. Baek, J. T. Larsen, G. L. Andersen, T. C. Hazen, P. M. Richardson, D. J. Herman, T. K. Tokunaga, J. M. Wan, and M. K. Firestone. 2006. Bacterial population dynamics during uranium reduction and re-oxidation: Application of a novel high density oligonucleotide microarray approach. *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 72:6288-6298

# MycoChip Performance

- Tested prototype array at LLNL Livermore Microarray Center.
- Fungal probes corresponding to test sample showed strong response above background.
- Probes showed large dynamic range after background subtraction.
- Low noise detected, and predicted array control intensity.

	Controls	Test Sample	All
<b>Positive Calls</b>	36	2729	2765
<b>Total Probes</b>	1424	129540	130964
<b>Mean Intensity</b>	1340.4	258.8	272.9
<b>Median Intensity</b>	130.2	241.8	241.0
<b>Min</b>	84.0	95.3	84.0
<b>Max</b>	22503.5	799.8	22503.5





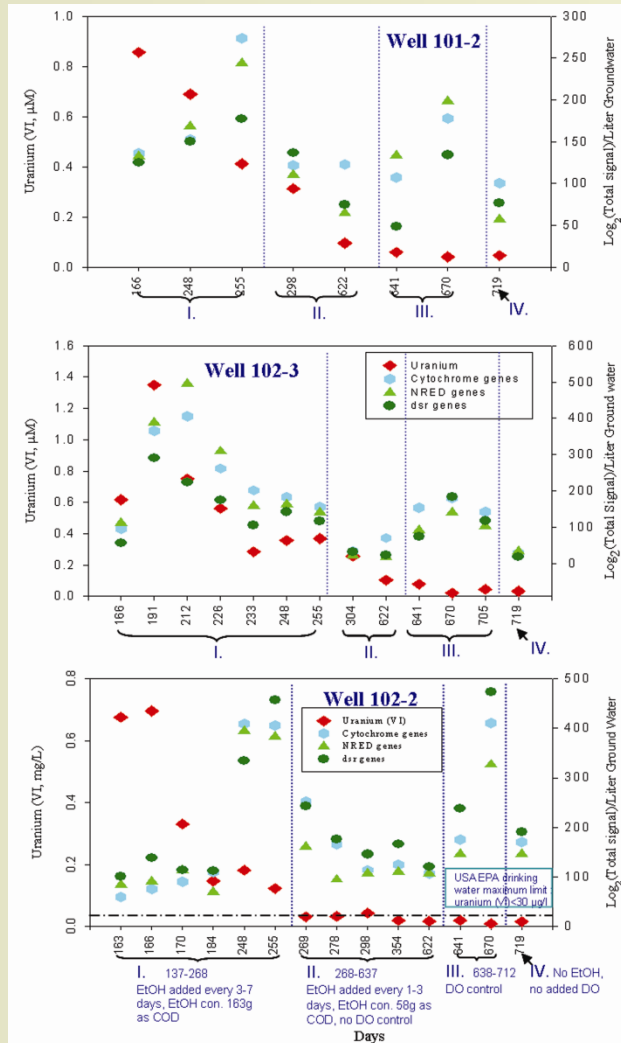
# GeoChip3.0 development and construction

Gene category	# Genes	# probes	# unique probes	# group probes	# covered CDS
Carbon deg	31	2727	1167	1560	4737
Carbon fix	5	898	182	716	1806
Energy procession	2	413	377	36	449
Mathane	3	254	171	83	434
Metal Resistance	43	4917	609	4308	10458
Nitrogen	13	3561	2105	1456	6892
Organic Remediation	190	8815	2244	6571	16948
gyrB	1	1164	629	535	2251
Phosphorus	3	599	183	416	1212
Sulphur	3	1328	952	376	1773
<b>Total Summary</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>24676</b>	<b>8619</b>	<b>16057</b>	<b>46960</b>

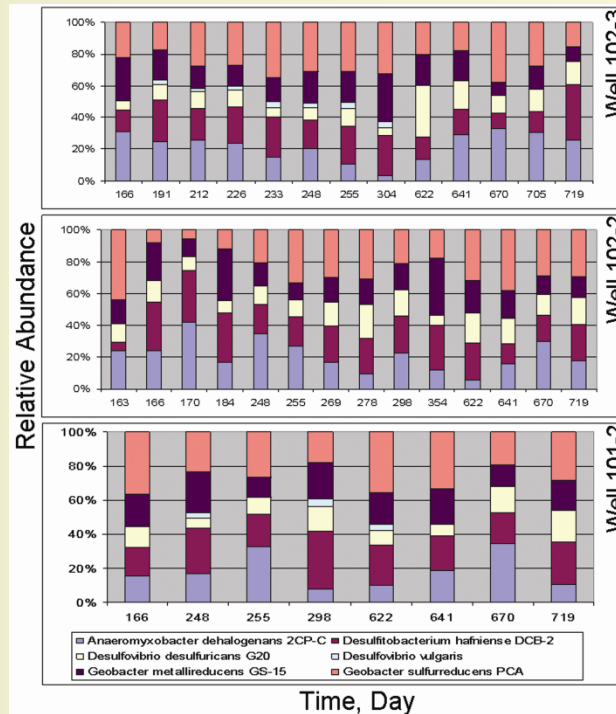
GeoChip 3.0 have been used for analyses of soil samples from BioCON (biodiversity, CO<sub>2</sub> and nitrogen) and warming sites.

- ◆ Uranium ◆ NRED genes  
 ◆ Cytochrome genes ◆ *dsr* genes

## Population Changes During the Active U(VI) Bioremediation Phase (operational days 163-719)



Bacterial populations increased initially, reaching a peak around day 255, then dropping as U(IV) concentrations decreased.

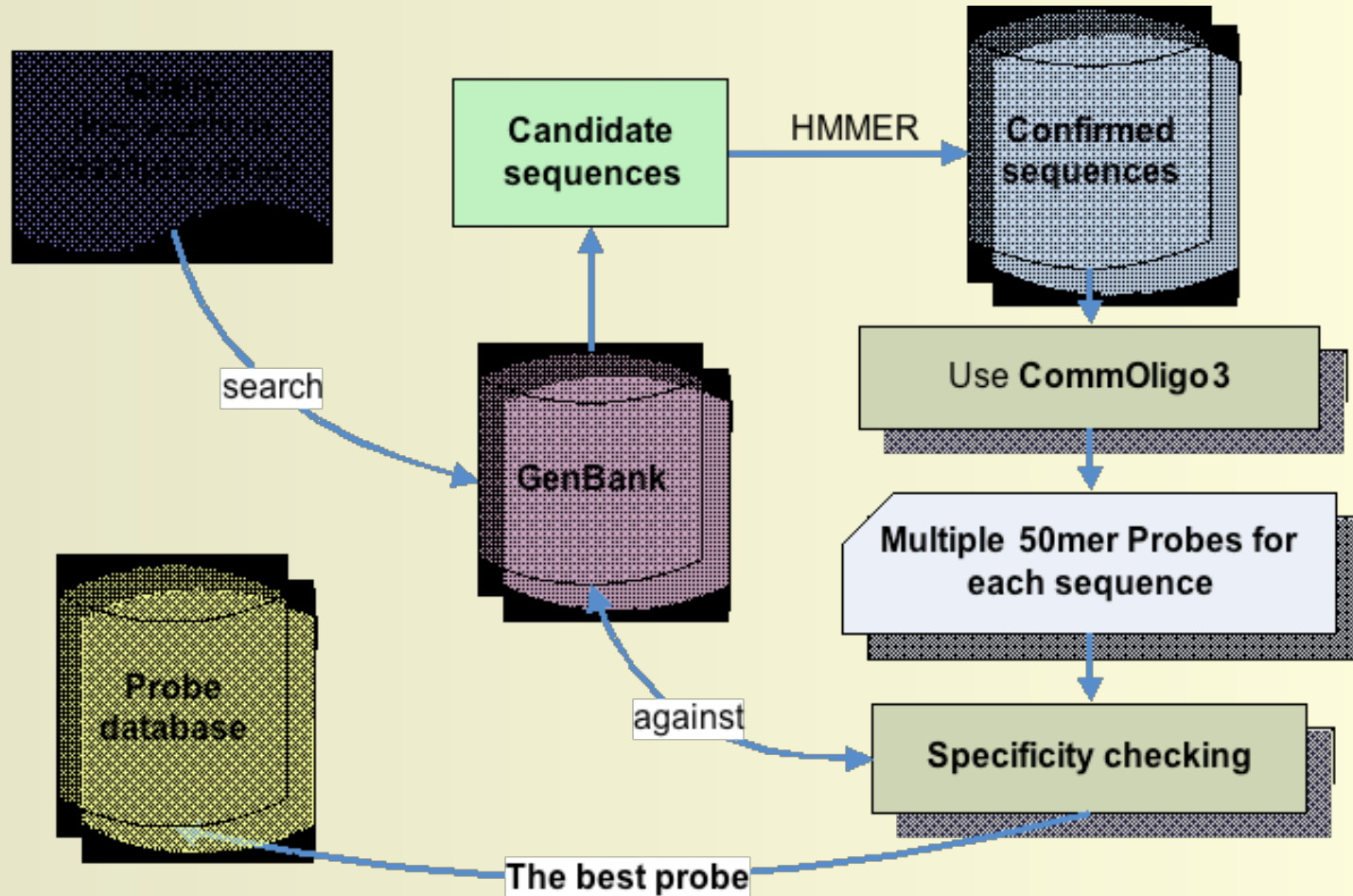


Relative abundance of cytochrome C genes from different metal reducing bacteria.

The relative proportions of the different species changed during bioremediation of U(VI)

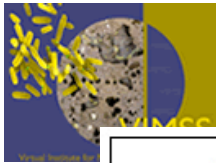
- The microbial communities responded to the bioremediation treatment
- The communities remained somewhat spatially distinct although the populations changed temporally
- Manuscript in preparation

## Future plan: ESPP stress chip design and construction

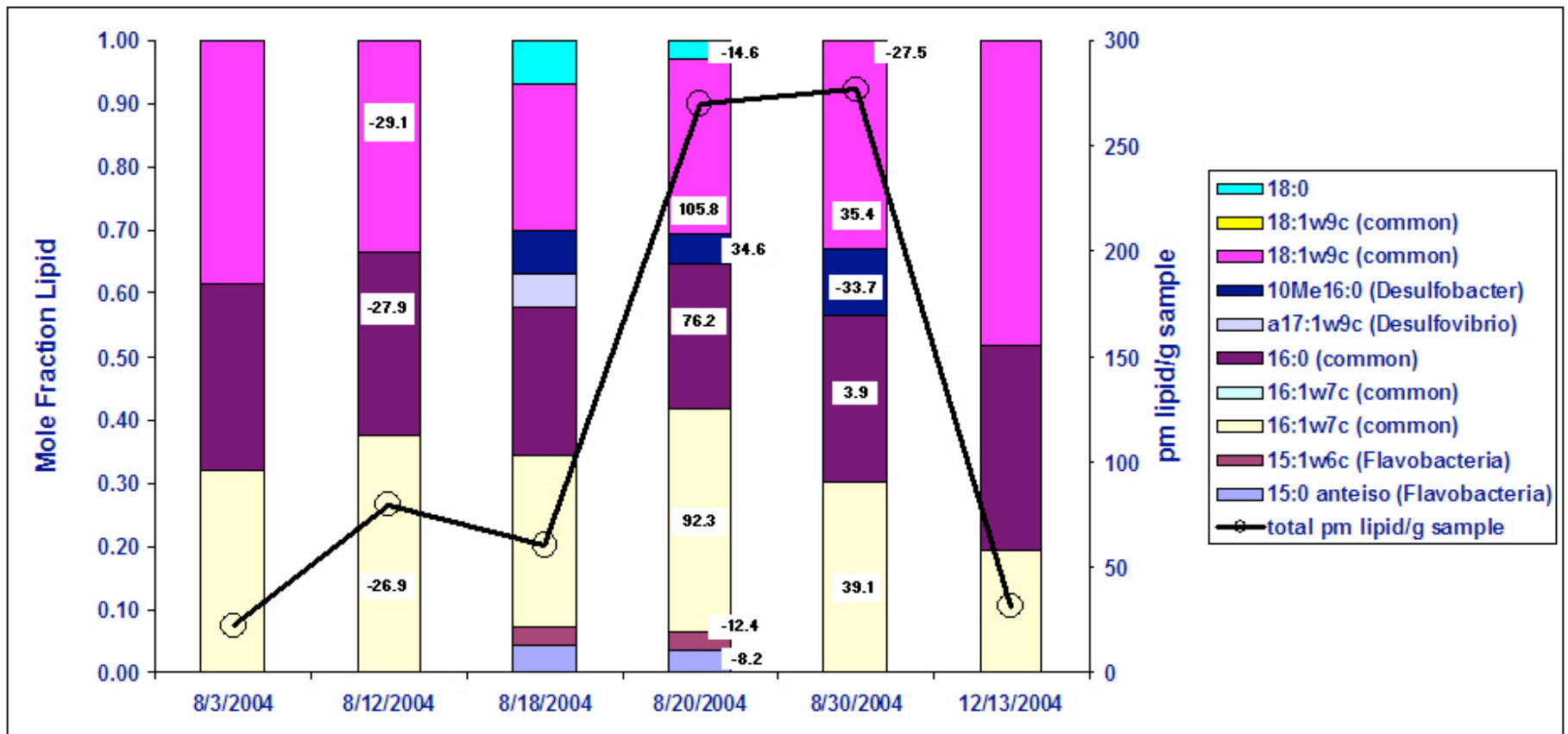


**What genes/sequences should be put on the array?**



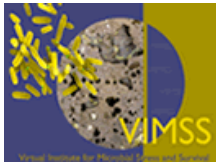


# $^{13}\text{C}$ Phospholipid Analysis



- General bacterial biomarkers indicate rapid enrichment in  $^{13}\text{C}$
- $^{13}\text{C}$  ratio is greater than expected (overall spiked HRC ratio was 15 per mil)
  - $^{13}\text{C}$  polylactate used as spike it is not esterified to glycerol backbone
  - it is released and consumed more rapidly
- Biomarkers for *Flavobacteriaceae* increased following injection but showed minimal enrichment with  $^{13}\text{C}$ .
  - Flavobacteria* do NOT typically utilize lactate, but may use glycerol (backbone, unlabeled)

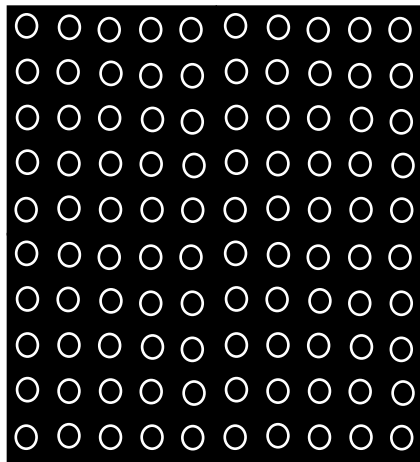




# NanoSIMS + microarray indicates active organisms

*(Hoeprich, Pett-Ridge, Brodie, et al. New Genomics:GTL project)*

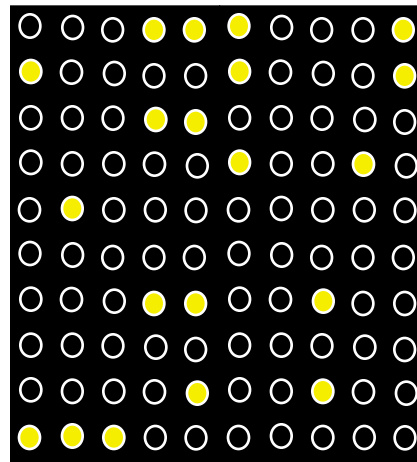
Array spotted with  
universal 16S  
probe set



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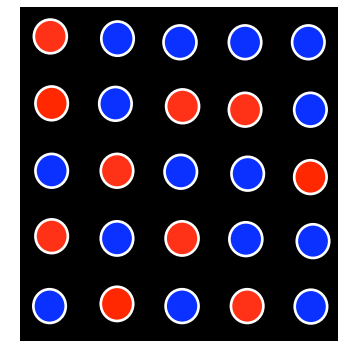
Affymetrix PhyloChip  
Fluorescence  
Scan



rRNA profile shows  
species that are present  
in the community



System-specific  
NimbleGen chip  
+ NanoSIMS  
 $^{13}\text{C}:^{12}\text{C}$  analysis



Indicates subset of active  
community that consumed  
 $^{13}\text{C}$ -label substrate

●  $^{12}\text{C}$  rRNA

●  $^{13}\text{C}$  rRNA



**“Chip-SIP” yields identity and function from the same sample**



# Environmental Whole-Genome Amplification To Access Microbial Populations in Contaminated Sediments

- Recovery of adequate amounts of DNA for molecular analyses can often be challenging in stressed microbial environments.
- Developed multiple displacement amplification (MDA) methods for unbiased, isothermal, amplification of DNA
- Subsequently applied these technologies to understand stressed, low biomass, populations in multiple sediments contaminated with Uranium on the Oak Ridge Reservation
- Over 4000 clones were end sequenced. 5% of all clones were identified as belonging to Deltaproteobacteria (primarily, *Geobacter* and *Desulfovibrio*-like)
- Significant overabundance of proteins (COGs) associated with: 1) Carbohydrate transport & metabol. 2) Energy production & conversion, 3) Postranslational modification, protein turnover, & chaperones. --- All of which may be important in adaptation to environmental stressors such as low pH, high contaminate loads, and oligotrophic nature of the subsurface environment

Statistics on amplified metagenome library end-sequences

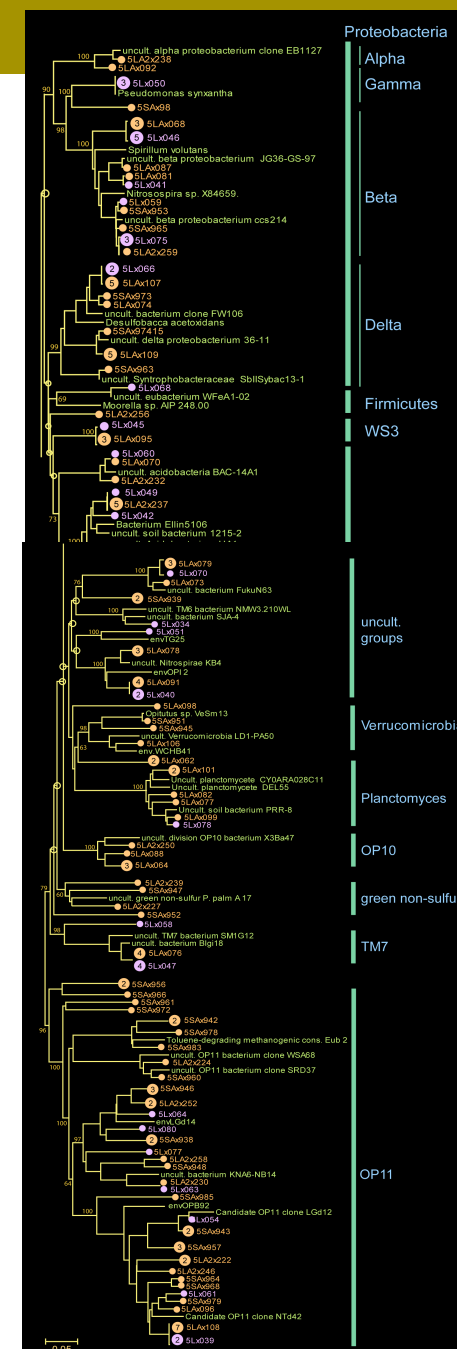
Library	Area 3, Deep		Area 3, Shallow		Area 2		Total	%
		%		%		%		
Number of clones sequenced	960		864		864			
Sequences generated	1,920		1,728		1,728			
Quality sequences <sup>a</sup>	1,394	100	1,118	100	1,509	100	4,021	100
Sequences that form contigs	370	26.5	152	13.6	141	9.3	663	16.5
Number of contigs assembled	101		53		54		208	
Sequences with similarities to known proteins <sup>b</sup>	928	66.6	692	61.9	990	65.6	2,610	64.9
Highest similarity to bacterial proteins	901	64.6	629	56.3	890	59.0	2,420	60.2
Highest similarity to Deltaproteobacteria proteins	35	2.5	23	2.1	155	10.3	213	5.3
Highest similarity to archaeal proteins	12	0.9	43	3.8	79	5.2	134	3.3
Highest similarity to eukaryotic proteins	12	0.9	18	1.6	21	1.4	51	1.3

a. Sequences >400nt in length

b. e-values <1e-10 from BLASTX searches against the NCBI protein database

Abulencia, C.B., Wyborski, D.L., Garcia, J., Podar, M., Chen, W., Chang, S. H., Chang, H.W., Watson, D., Brodie, E.I., Hazen, T.C. and Keller, M. (2006) Environmental Whole-Genome Amplification to Access Microbial Populations in Contaminated Sediments. *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* **72**(5):3291-3301

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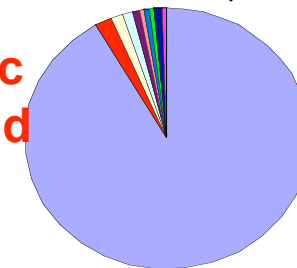
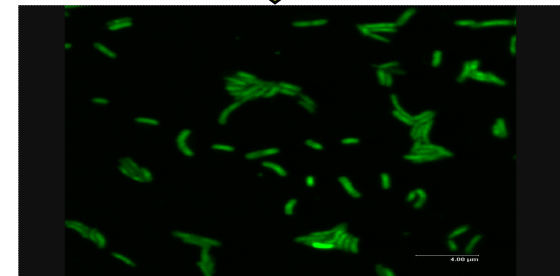


# Metagenomic Analysis of NABIR FRC Groundwater Community

Data: Jizhong Zhou et al.

## Metagenomic sequencing:

- Almost like a mono-culture
- 52.44 Mb raw data assembled into contigs totaling ~5.5 Mb
- 224 scaffolds (largest 2.4 Mb)
- Genes important to the survival and life style in such environment were found



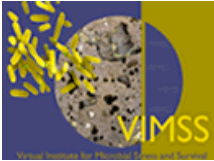
■	Frteuria	99%
■	Herbaspirillum	99%
■	Alcaligenes	98%
■	Frteuria	100%
■	Frteuria	96%
■	Frteuria	95%
■	Burkholderia	99%
■	Frteuria	96%
■	Burkholderia	99%
■	Frteuria	98%

## Extremely low diversity:

- Dominated by *Frteuria*-like organism
- At least 2 *Frteuria* phylotypes
- Azoarcus species: less abundant

**These results suggest that contaminants have dramatic effects on the groundwater microbial communities, and these populations are well adapted to such environments.**





# Life in the slow lane

Ripley's **Believe It or Not!**



*Lin et al. "Long-Term Sustainability of a High-Energy, Low-Diversity Crustal Biome" Science 10/06*  
*Chivian et al. Science (in final review)*

Radioactivity splits water and regenerates system

Life on/under MARS?

Despite knowing most of the chemical conditions,  
We could not grow  
*Desulforudis audaxviator*

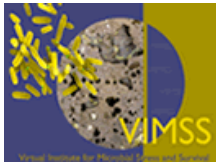
But it is the major organism there:  
94+% (16S PCR) to 99.9+%  
(metagenomics) of the bacteria

So how do we study it?

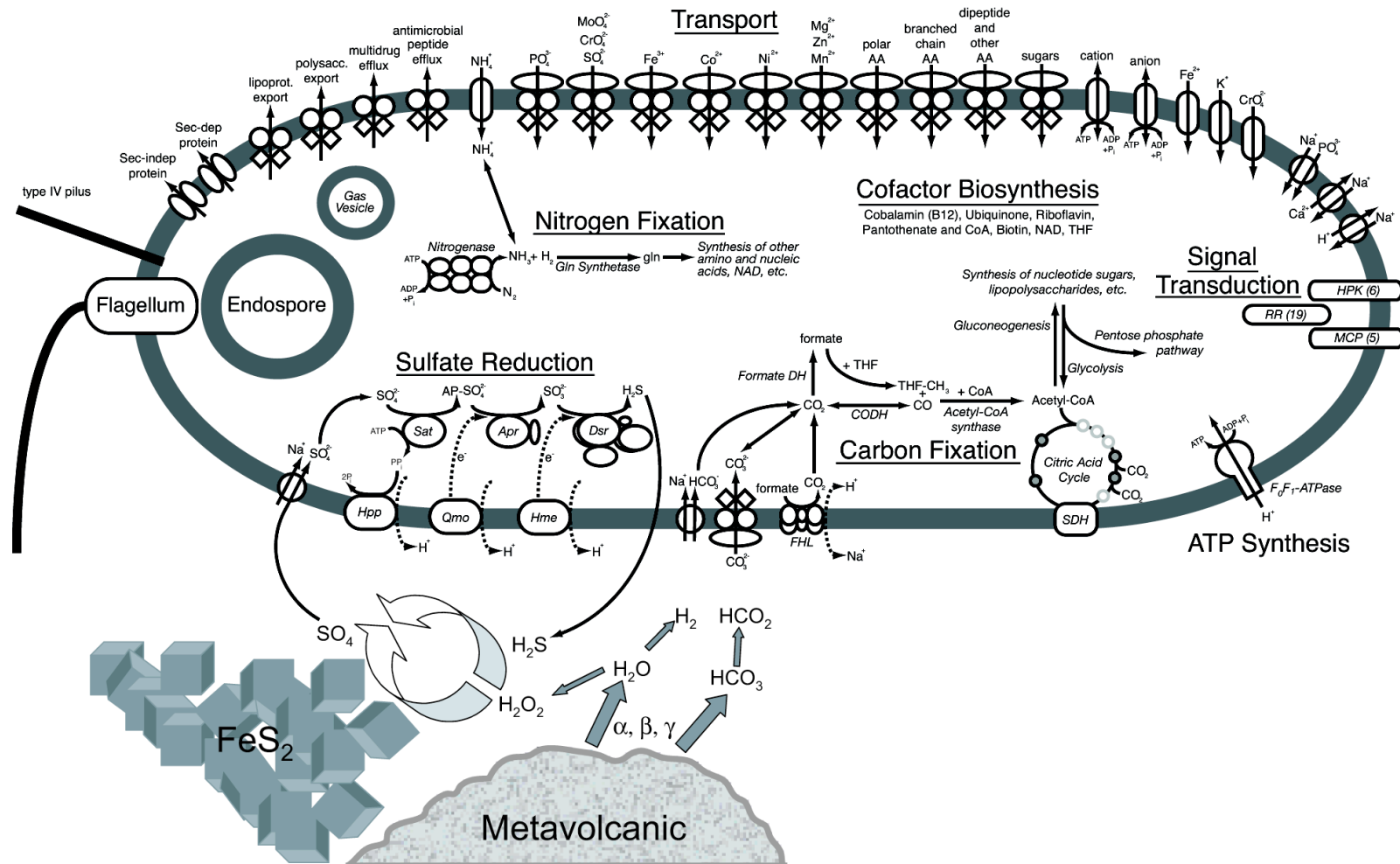


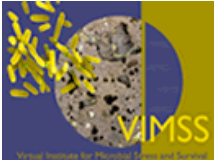
**Homestake Mine  
8,000 ft Lead, SD**





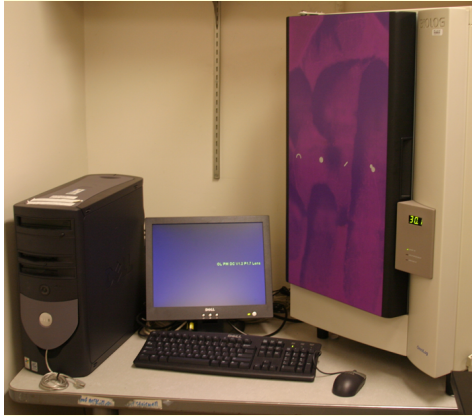
# Model of Single Organism Ecosystem





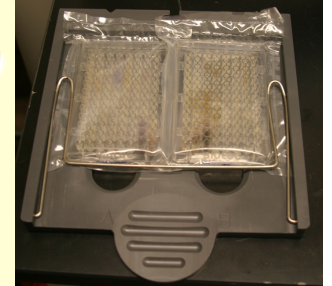
# Phenomics, Proteomics & Lipidomics

- Phenomics - phenotype expression & physiology
  - Phenotypic microarrays
  - Real-time analyses using FTIR, etc
- Proteomics - protein expression
  - ICAT - Isotope-Coded Affinity Tags
  - DIGE - Differential In-Gel Electrophoresis
- Lipidomics - lipid/fatty acid expression especially as it relates to membranes and cell walls
  - FAME - Fatty Acid Methyl Ester
  - PLFA - Phospholipid Fatty Acid

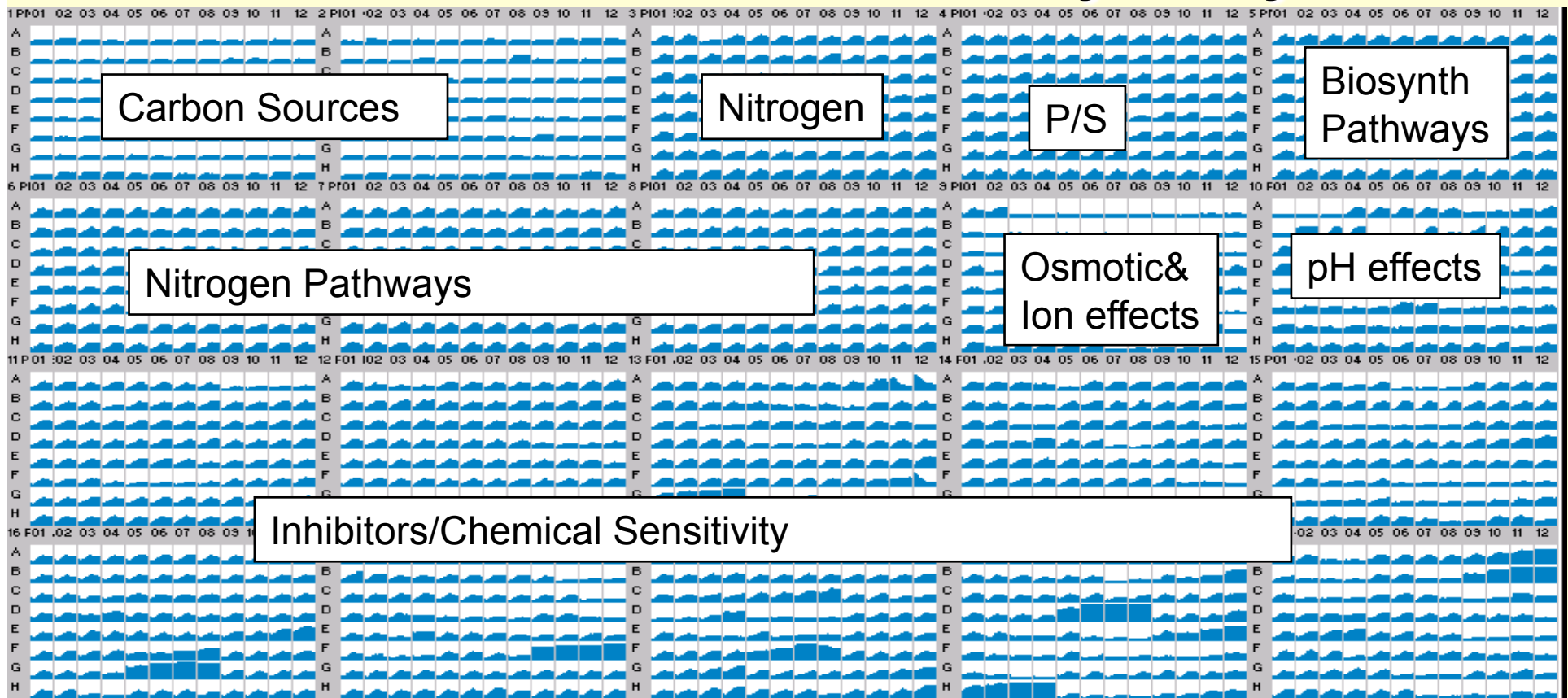


# Phenotypic Microarray

Omnilog System - 2000 assays,  
50 - 96-well plates at one time  
>750 metabolic assays



239 inhibition/sensitivity assays

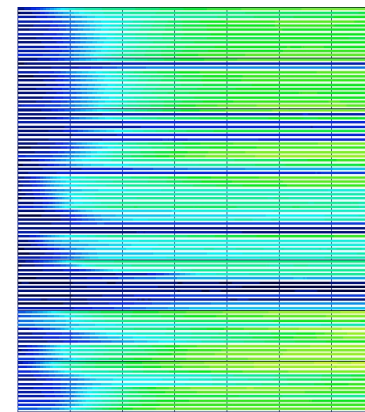
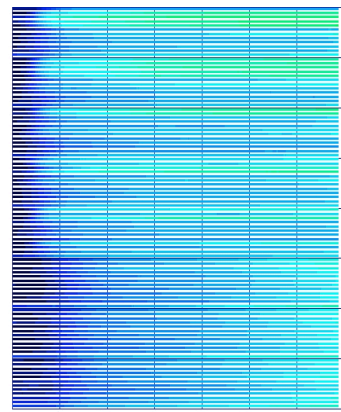
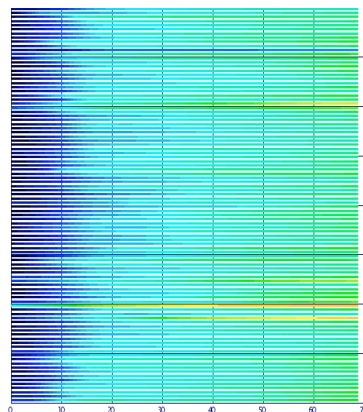


**PM-3 Nitrogen Utilization**

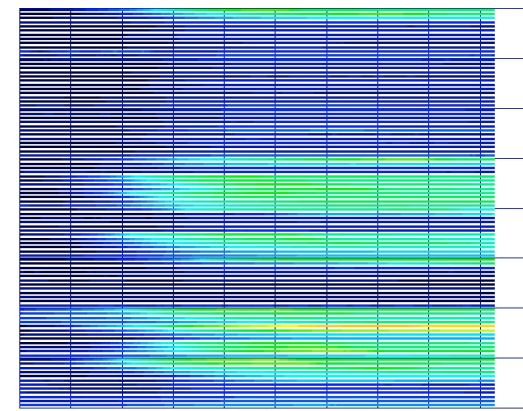
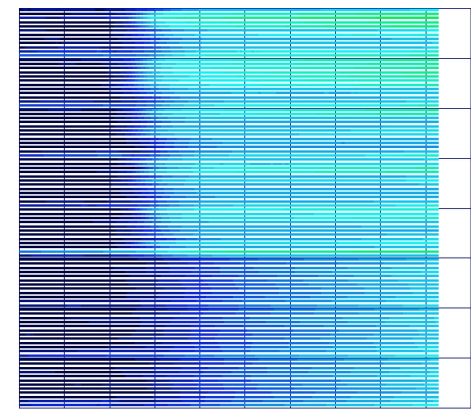
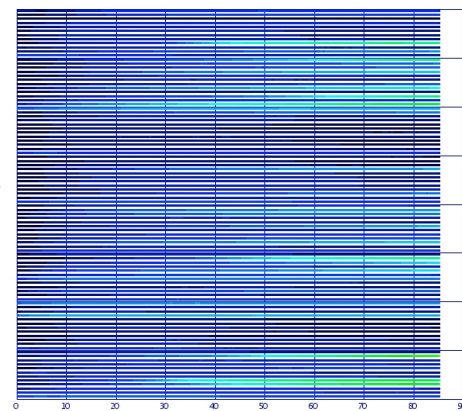
**PM-4 P & S Utilization**

**PM-9 Osmotic Sensitivity**

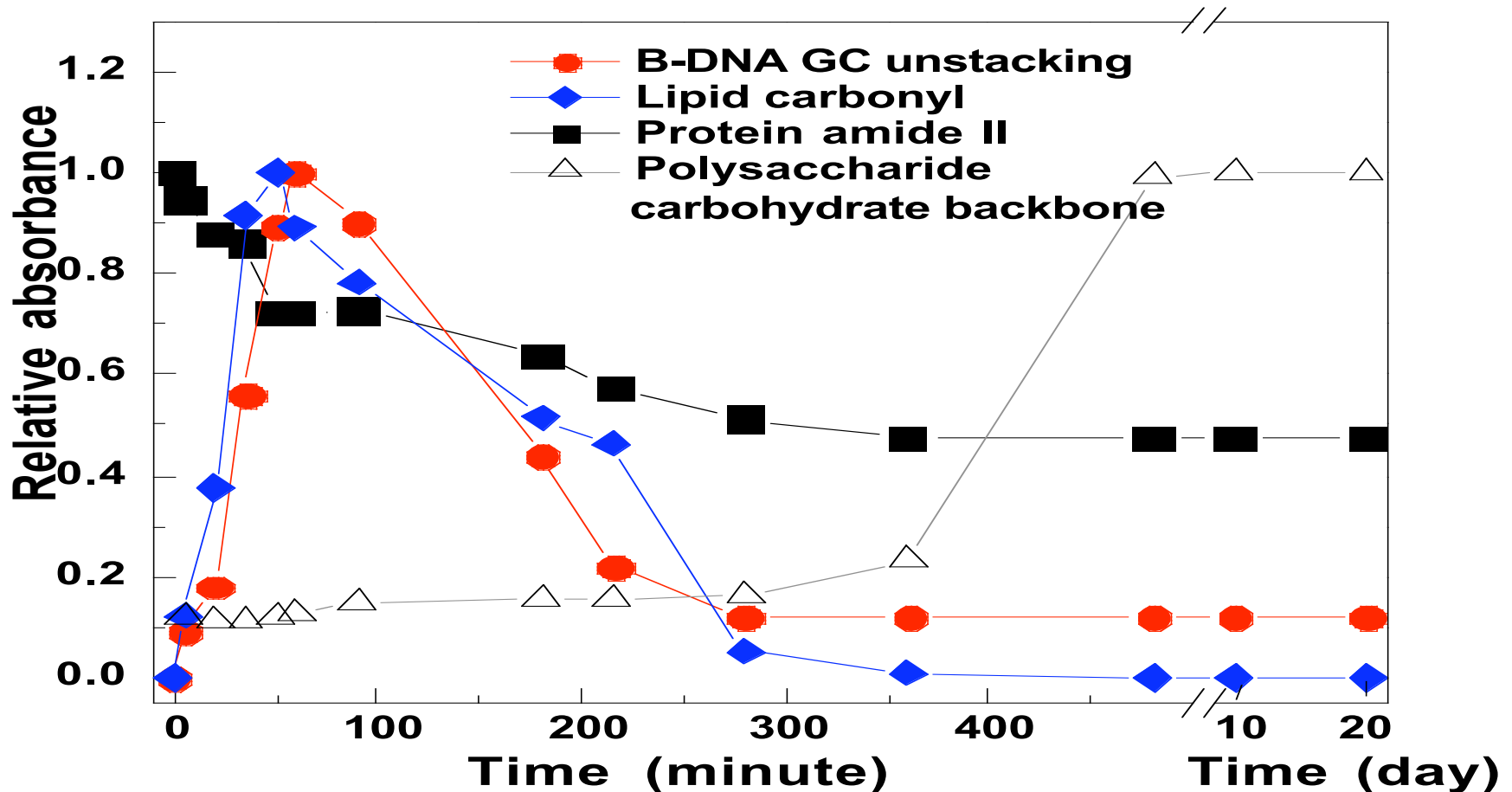
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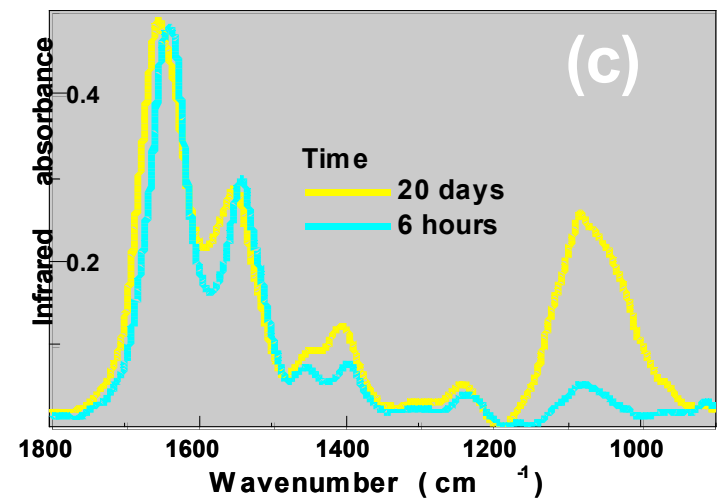
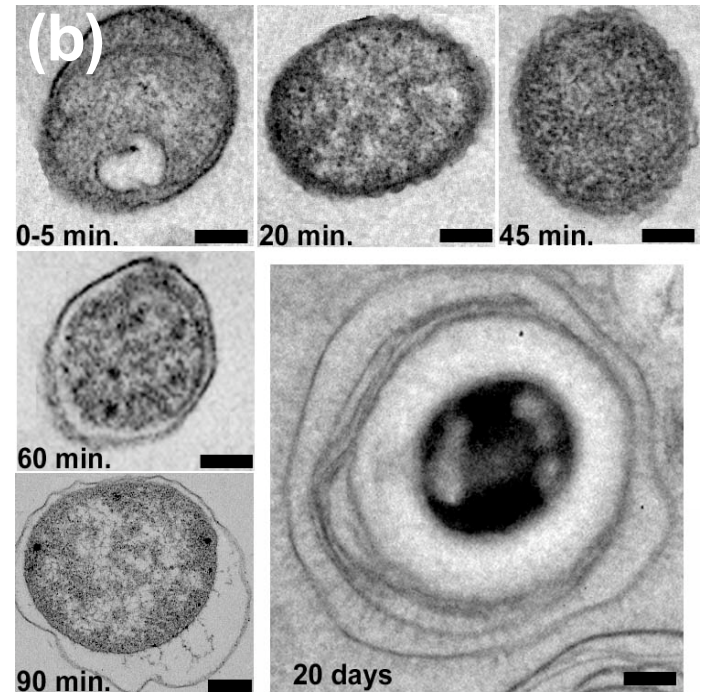
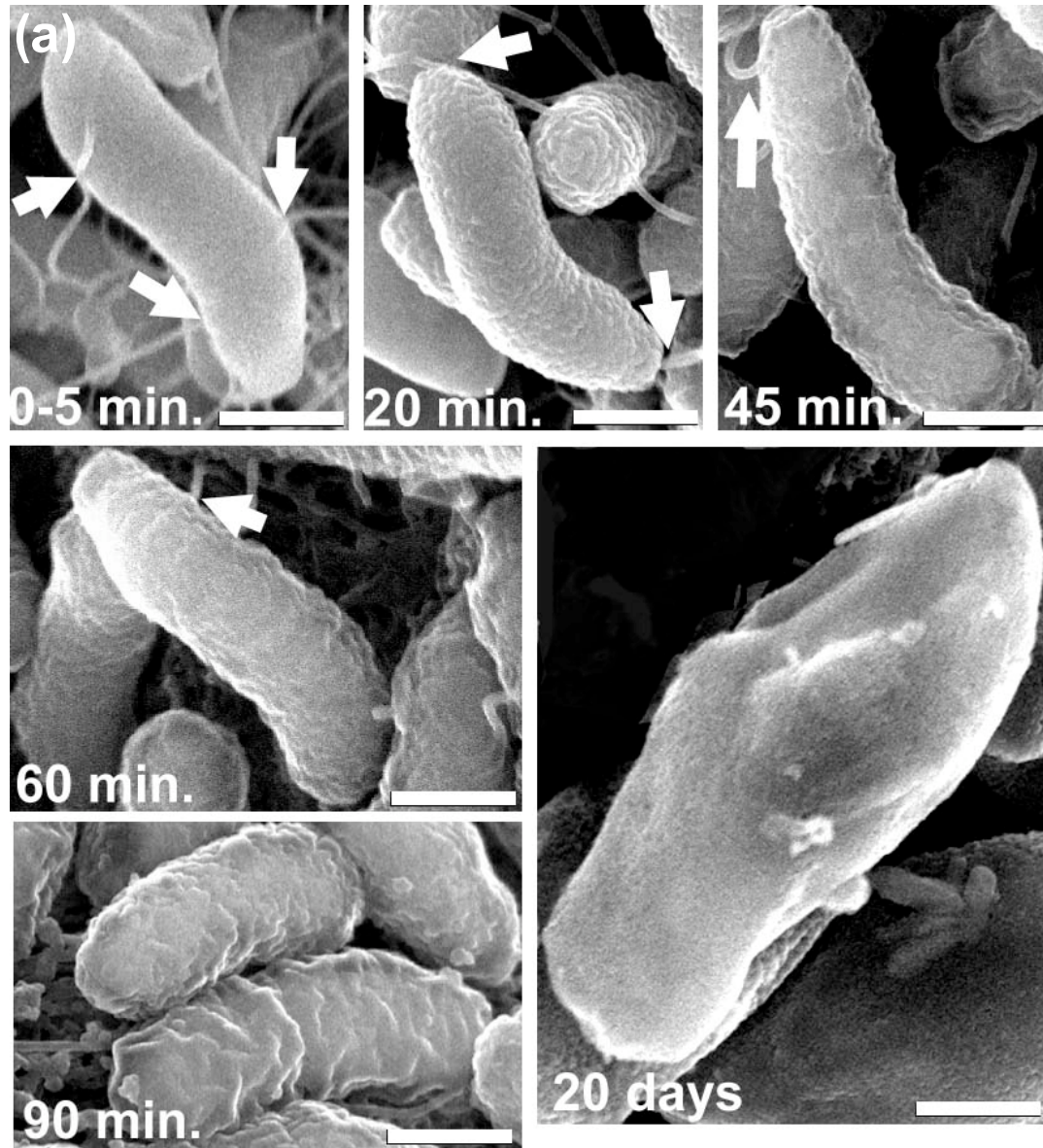
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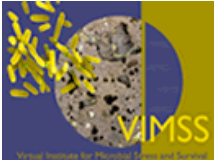


- Synchrotron FTIR time course of infrared absorption intensity, indicative of oxidative stress levels in different biologically important molecules in *Desulfovibrio vulgaris* after exposure to atmospheric oxygen.
- Also found signatures for Cytochrome B hemes



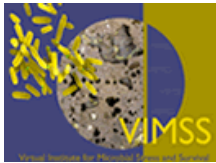
# FTIR Profiling





# Metabolomics & Fluxomics

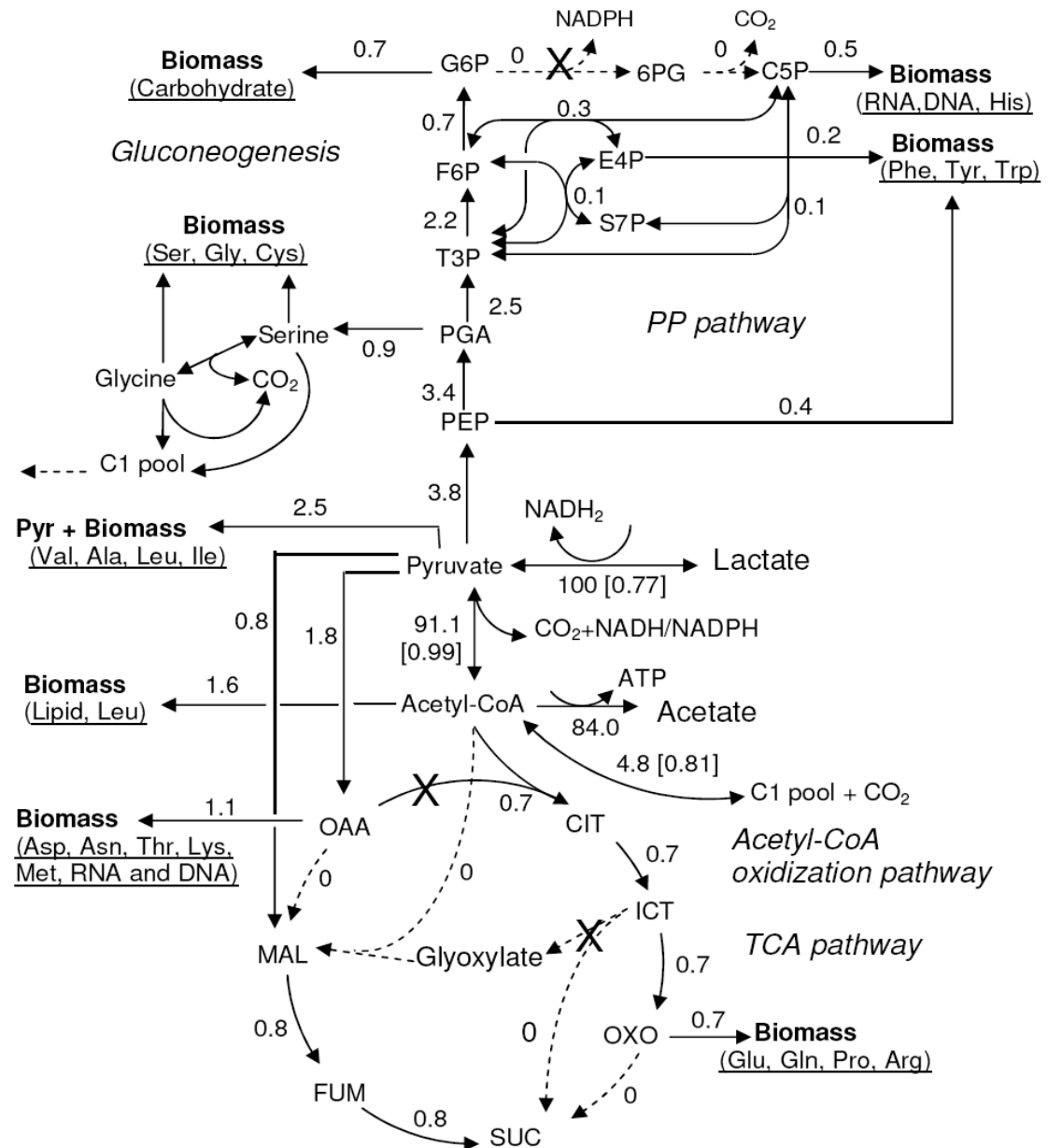
- Metabolomics- metabolite expression
  - hydrophilic interaction chromatography technique coupled to MS/MS detection and CE-MS methods for amino acids, nucleosides, nucleotides, organic acid CoAs, redox cofactors and the metabolic intermediates of glycolysis, TCA, and pentose phosphate pathway, etc.
- Fluxomics - studies of rate changes in metabolites
  - Same techniques as above
- These two areas are the newest and least developed, lots of development needs, but lots of breakthrough potential.



# Desulfovibrio vulgaris Flux

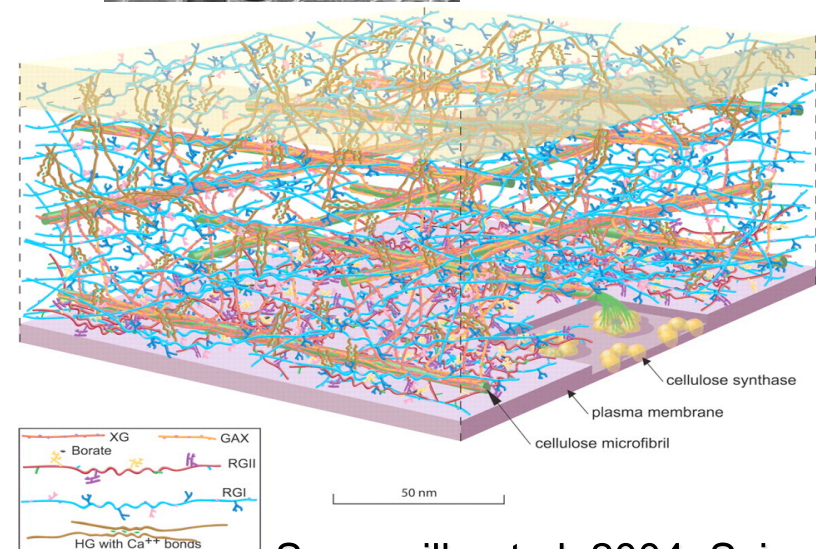
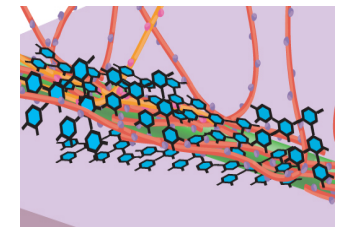
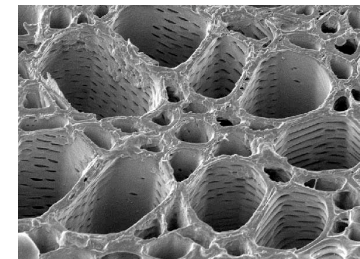
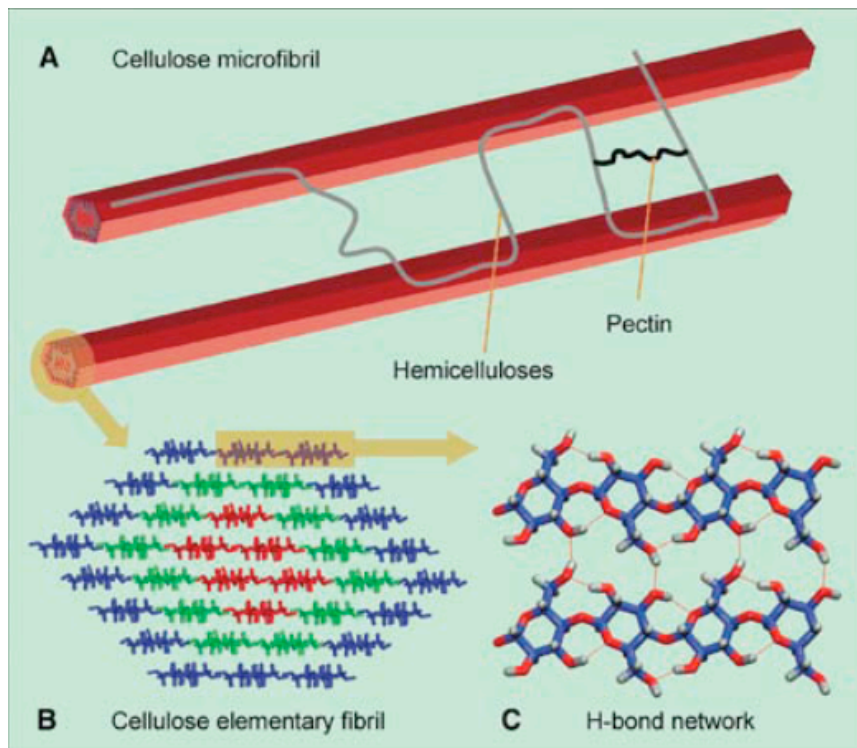


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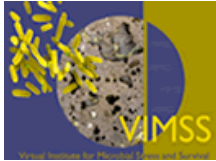




- **The study of the entirety of carbohydrates in an organism or biological system**
- **Extreme interest for Bioenergy**
  - **Feedstocks, e.g. Lignocellulose degradation**
  - **Fuel synthesis, e.g. Fermentation for production of ethanol, butanol, etc**
  - **Medical applications for Diabetes, etc.**



Somerville et al. 2004, Science



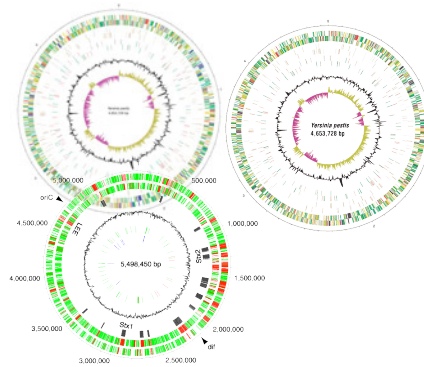
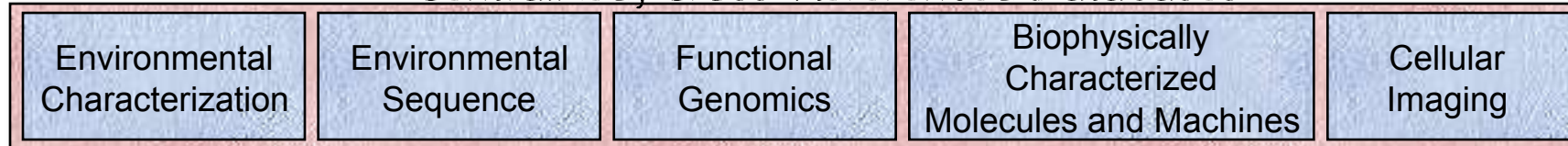
# Bioinformatics

- Annotation of sequences
- Comparative genomics
- Integration from Biomolecules to Ecosystems
- Models for environmental biotechnology verification and prediction

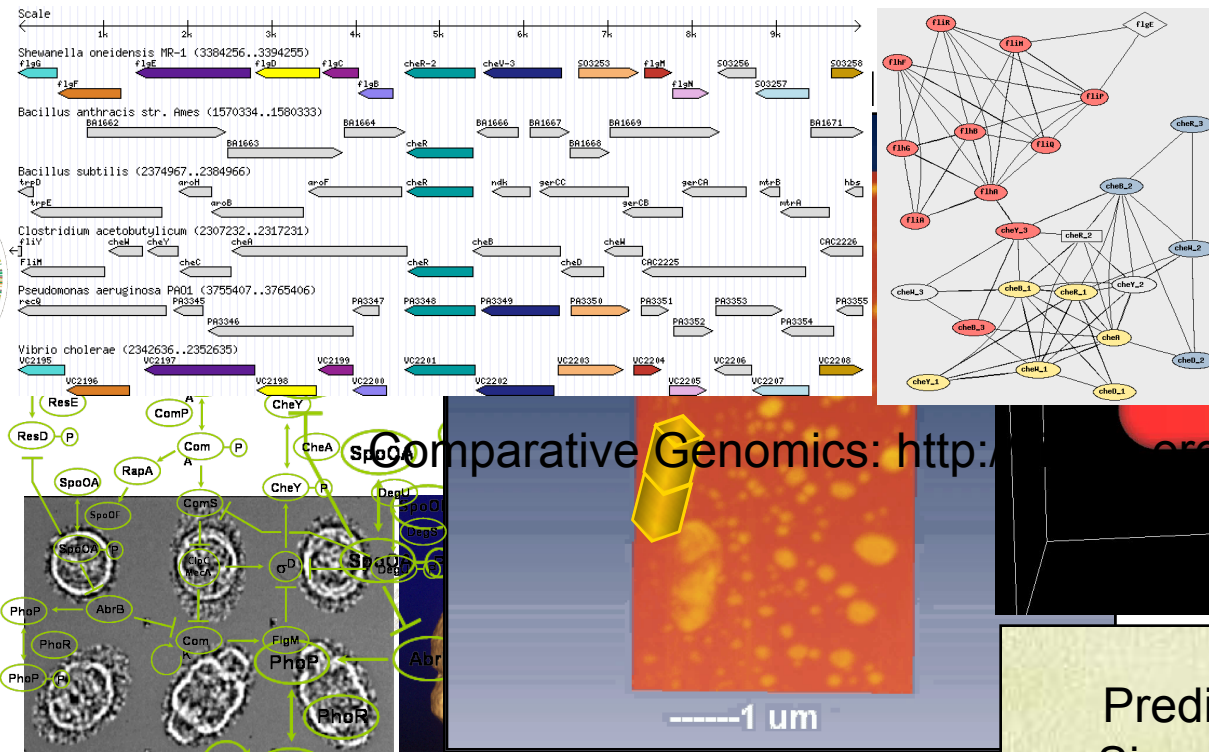


# Critical Path

## Centralized, Cross-Referenced Databases



Sequence Data

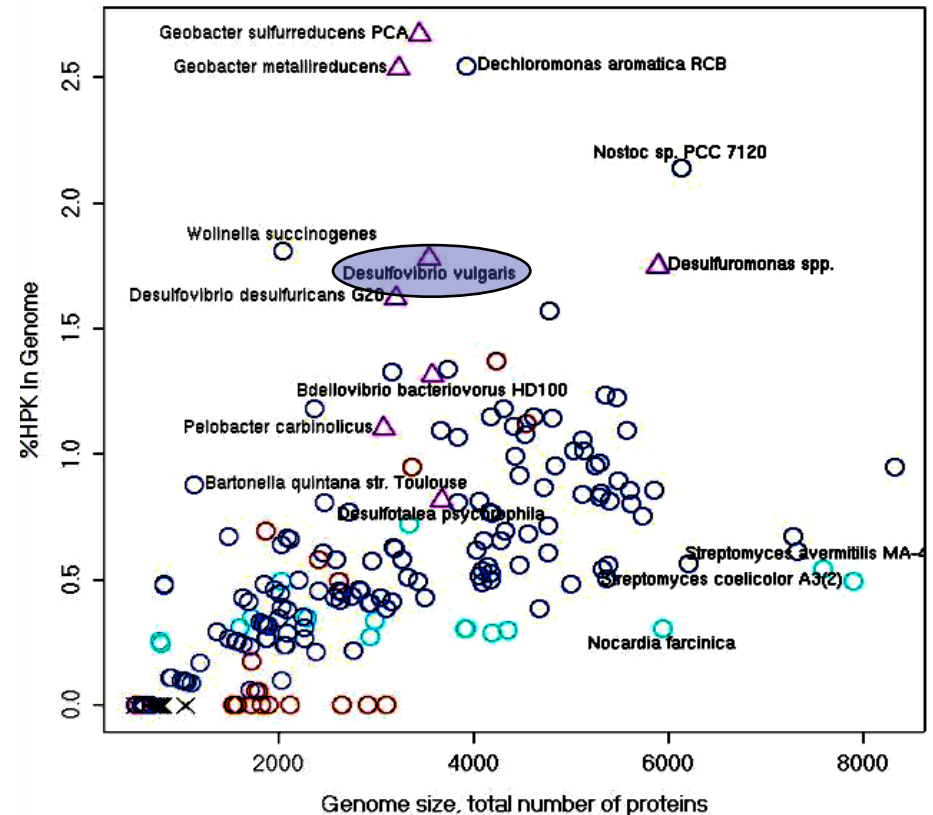
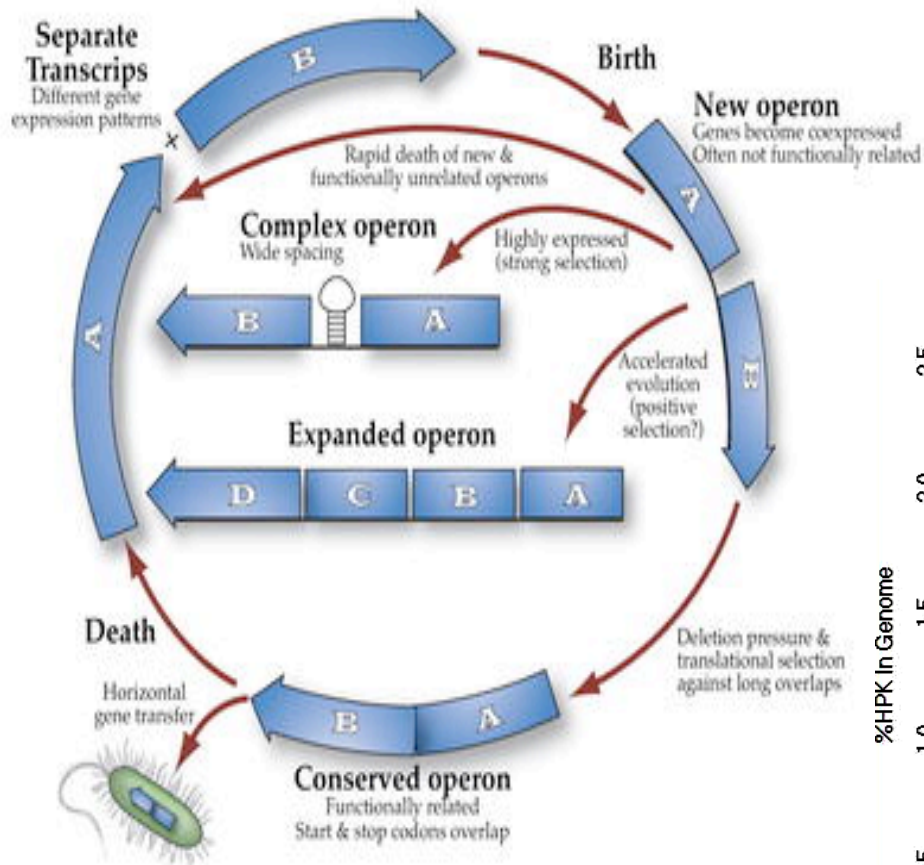


Microscopy of Molecular Machines  
Deduction of pathways,  
Cell Imaging  
modules and dynamics

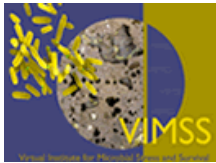
Predictive  
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# Comparative Genomics

## A. The Life-cycle of Operons

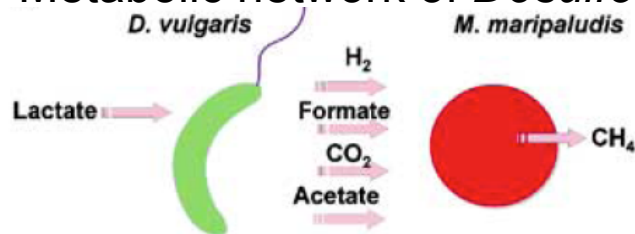


Amazing signal transduction apparatus



# Modeling a Microbial Community

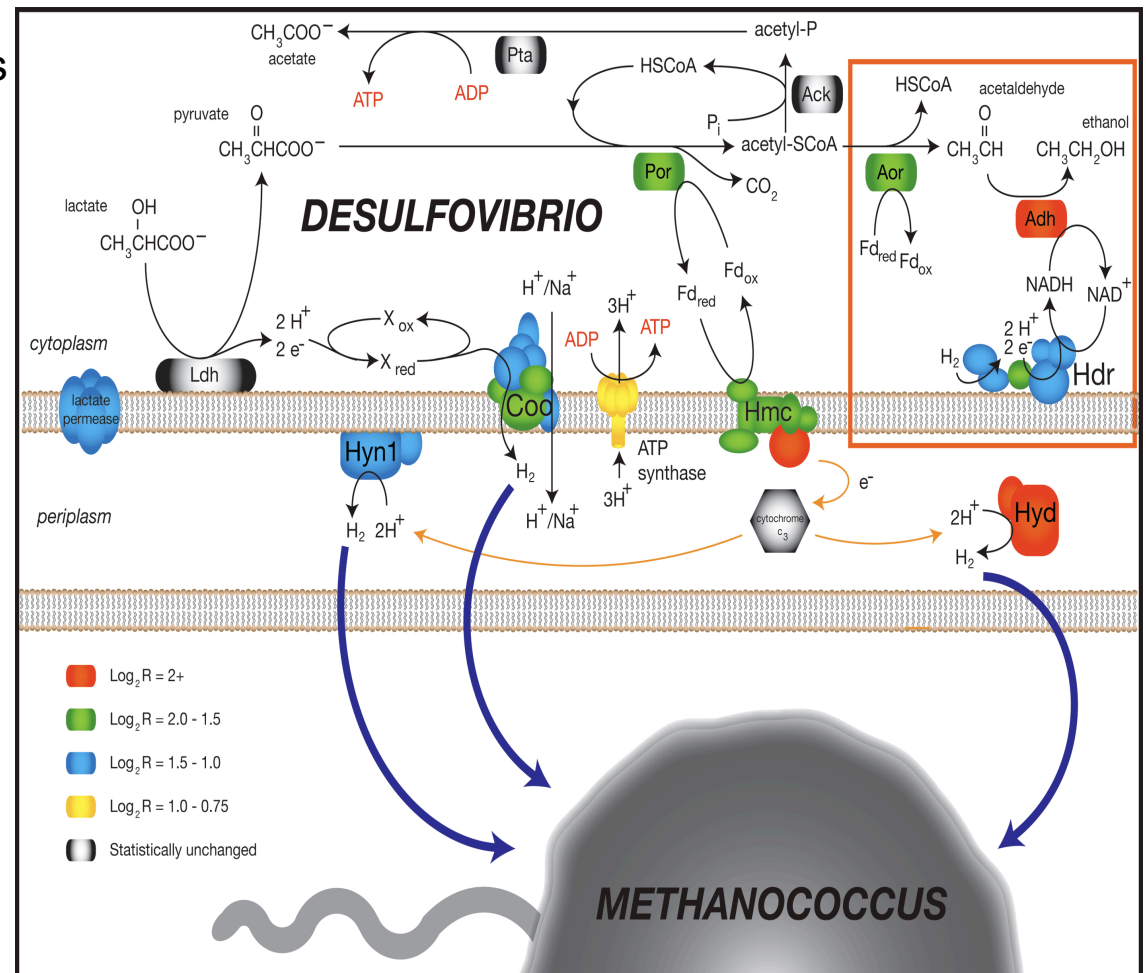
## Metabolic network of *Desulfovibrio vulgaris* & *Methanococcus maripaludis* syntrophy



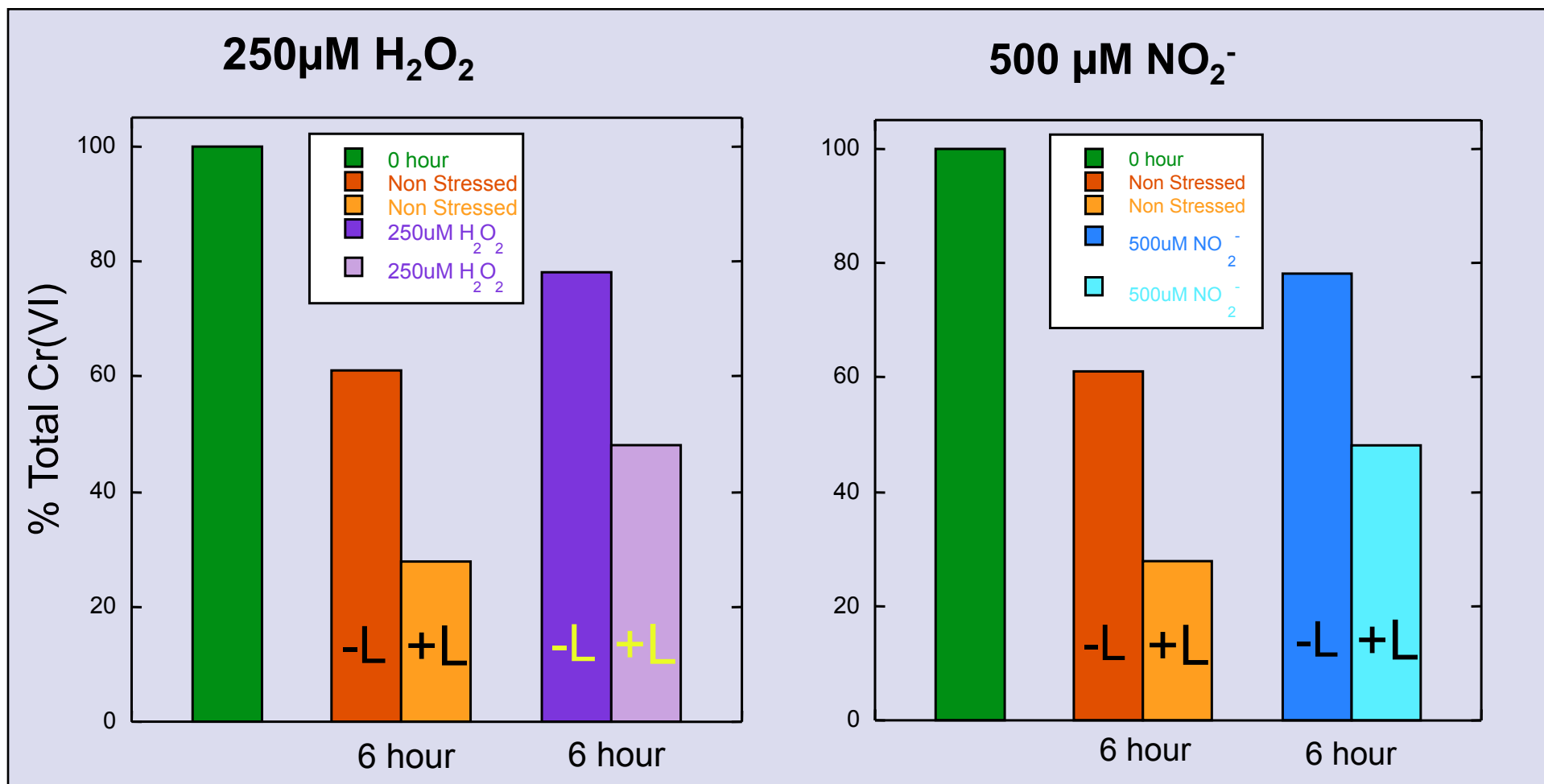
$$S \times v = b$$

S = Stoichiometric matrix  
v = Vector of metabolic fluxes  
b = Vector of system inputs and outputs

- The model consists of 170 reactions and 147 internal metabolites, mostly involved in central metabolism
- Simulations were performed by constraining the inputs to the system (i.e., lactate, sulfate) and optimizing for *Desulfovibrio* cell growth
- The model and our experimental data suggested that hydrogen transfer was essential for syntrophic growth but that formate was not essential



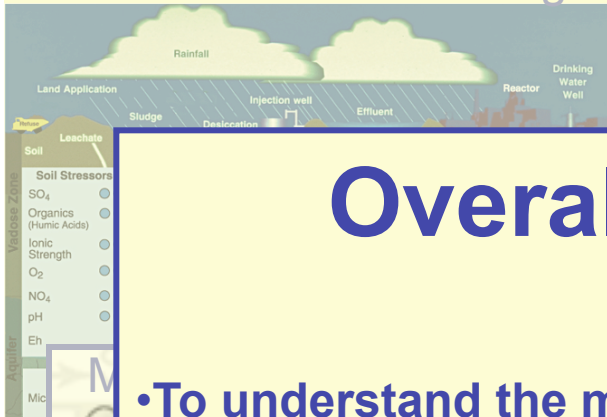
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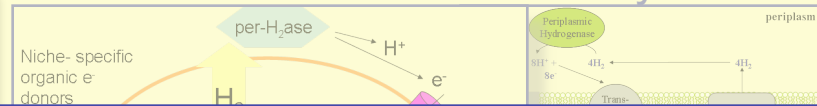
**Coculture treated with 20mM lactate (+L) or not (-L) as an abiotic control.  
spiked with 200µM Cr(VI). Analyzed by a colorimetric DPC assay.**

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Environmental Monitoring



Pathway Models

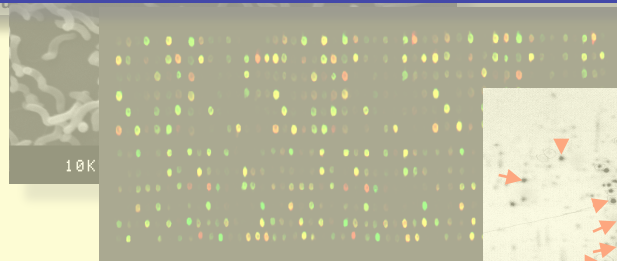


Pathway Inference

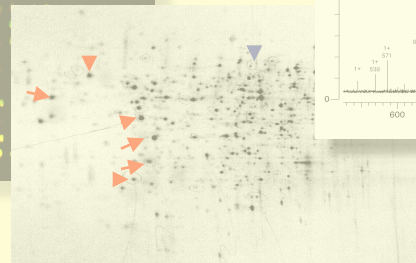
## Overall VIMSS Goals

- To understand the mechanisms by which microbes adapt and survive
- To elucidate how they carry out mission critical processes
- To rapidly characterize new microbes to the level of a model microbe

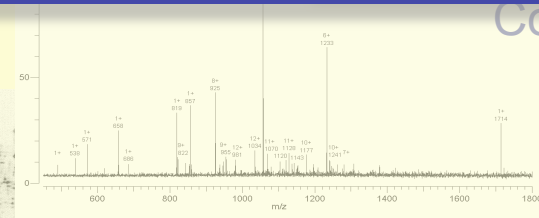
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DNA Microarrays



Proteomics



Metabolomics

Comparative Genomics



**Mission:** *Discovery of Lignocellulolytic Enzymes and Metabolic Pathways*

**Approach:** *Deep and High-Throughput 'Omics' Analyses of Microbial Communities in potentially High Return Environments*

**Initial Source Environments:**

- *Green Waste Compost (high nutrient)*
- *Puerto Rican Rain Forest Soil (low nutrient)*

**Deliverables:** *Identified and isolated lignocellulolytic enzymes, metabolic pathways, whole cell biocatalysts, and mixed cultures for deconstruction*

**JBEI Clients:** *Deconstruction Division  
Enzyme Engineering Group and Fuels  
Synthesis Division*

**Research Team Leads:**

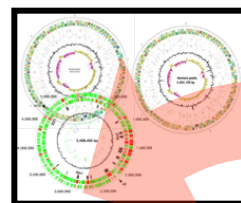
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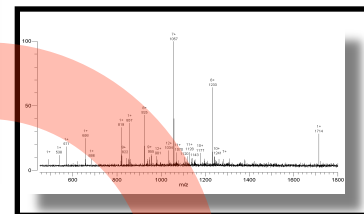
# Technology: new tools for biofuels research

## Deliverables

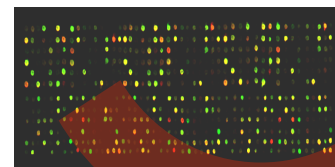
- High-throughput microfluidics platforms for large scale analysis of plant and microbial enzyme activities
- Ligno- and glyco-arrays for rapid screening of enzymatic function
- 'Omics' pipelines for systems biology
- Integrated data capture, analysis and dissemination
- Parts, devices, chassis for synthetic biology



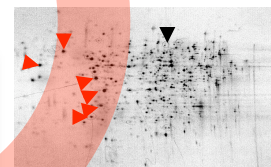
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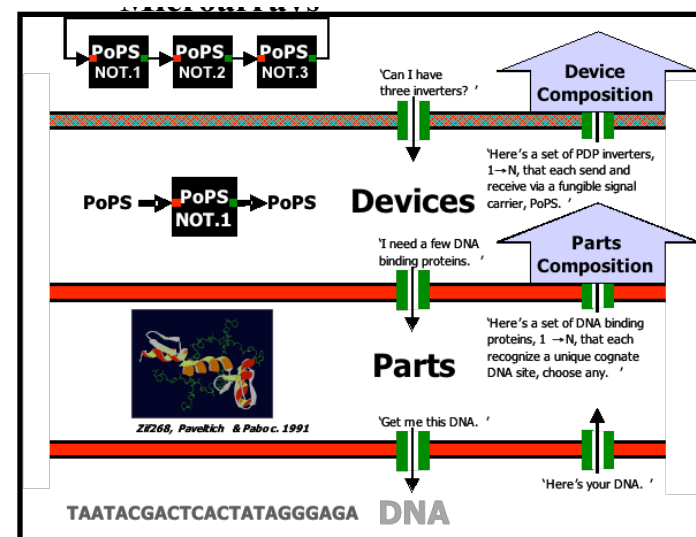
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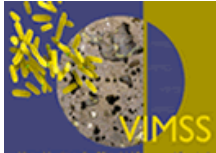


DNA Microarrays



Proteomics





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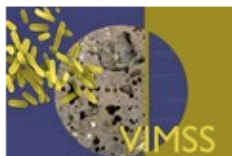
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